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Missile controversy

West Germany asks the Soviet Union to clear up the controversy over the deployment of SS-20 medium-range missiles capable of hitting Western Europe. — Page 16

Iraq claims right of hitting tankers

MANAMA, Aug. 20 (AFP) — Iraq claims the right to attack any foreign ship found in Iranian ports, the Iraqi government daily *Goumhouria* reported Friday.

Petrol tankers and other merchant ships are considered as a "para-military" force aiding the Iranian war effort, the paper added. The statement followed the recent sinking by Iraq of two ships at an Iranian Gulf port.

(In Athens, 16 crew members of the Greek tanker *Liston Pride* returned home Thursday. (Continued on page 7)

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Price of gold soars to an 8-month high

LONDON, Aug. 20 (R) — The price of gold leapt to a eighth month high Friday as worries about the size of U.S. bank loans to Mexico pushed the dollar down on foreign exchange markets.

Gold jumped more than \$325 to \$381.5 an ounce when trading opened in London, its highest level since February. It settled back slightly on profit-taking, but settled at around \$379 an ounce.

Dealers said the weaker dollar and the prospect of lower U.S. interest rates following the congressional decision to accept President Reagan's record \$98.3 billion tax bill had pushed up the price of gold.

The vote in Congress and fears that U.S. banks could face problems over the size of the loan exposure in Mexico undermined the dollar on foreign exchange markets across the world.

In Tokyo, the dollar shed two yen on the day to close at 255.8 yen, almost 10 yen less than the five-year high. The dollar was fixed at 2,4570 marks in Frankfurt, down more than three pence from Thursday's 2,4880.

In London, sterling was also stronger against the dollar, trading at \$1.7432 compared to Thursday's close of 1.7230.

U.S. banks are owed about \$17 billion by Mexican borrowers, and Mexican Finance Minister Jesus Silva Herzog has called a meeting of bankers in New York Friday to ask for the postponement of some repayments.

U.S. banking shares fell sharply Thursday as rumors circulated on Wall Street that one major U.S. bank, Manufacturers Hanover Trust, was in financial difficulties as a result

of its Mexican exposure.

Manufacturers Hanover denied the rumors, saying no Mexican loan was in default or expected to be so, and some prices recovered. Bankers said it was unclear why Manufacturers Hanover should be singled out as other banks such as Bank of America, Citibank and Chase Manhattan had larger exposures in Mexico.

Sale prices continued to move upward in Europe Friday underpinned by the prospect of further cuts in U.S. interest rates. But the advances were smaller than those during the boom earlier this week. In London, the *Financial Times* of leading shares was up 5.1 points at 574.8.

The price of gold has shot up more than \$40 since the beginning of this week, when it stood at \$337.25 an ounce, and some dealers are optimistic that the metal will soon recover the \$400 an ounce level it held at the beginning of the year.

But market analysts are more cautious about whether the metal can sustain the rise. They say that although the weaker dollar and lower U.S. interest rates had improved the climate for gold, forecasts of a long-term upward trend for the metal could still be premature.

Meanwhile, activity of the New York Stock Exchange was more subdued Thursday than the frenzy that erupted earlier in the week.

But rumors later denied that one or more U.S. banks were threatened with failure because of Mexico's plight, made Thursday the sixth busiest trading day ever on the Big Board. Trading volume of 78.27 million shares was sharply below the record 132.69 million shares that changed hands Wednesday, however.

At Amritsar airport

Indian Sikh hijacker killed

NEW DELHI, Aug. 20 (AFP) — The Sikh hijacker of an Indian Airlines domestic flight was overpowered and killed by Indian security forces at Amritsar Friday, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

The 60 passengers and crew of six aboard were released and were safe, PTI said quoting official information reaching here. The hijacker had threatened to shoot one passenger an hour unless the government met his demands, including talks with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, a Sikh administration to govern Punjab state, a ransom of \$88,000 and release of jailed Sikh leaders.

After circling the Pakistani city of Lahore, the Indian Airlines Boeing 737 hijacked on a Bombay to Delhi run landed at Amritsar in India's Punjab state, where it was surrounded by police and security personnel. The hijacker was said to be in the cockpit and all passengers were still on board.

First reports said only one of the hostages was injured during the incident — an air hostess who jumped out of the aircraft after it landed in Amritsar.

The Sikh hijacker was identified as Musseb Singh, PTI said quoting sources at the state-run airlines headquarters. Though there were few immediate details, reports said he was overpowered as negotiators entered the aircraft. PTI said the hijacker, armed with a pistol and a grenade, commanded the craft and demanded to be flown as a deterrent.

He refused to say when the army would be withdrawn.

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The state Home Minister Shrikant Jichkar told newsmen that the situation in this city of eight million was "completely under control," but said he had asked the army and paramilitary forces to remain on duty as a precautionary measure, adding, "they will work more as a deterrent." He refused to say when the army would be withdrawn.

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The trouble started Wednesday when the majority of the Maharashtra state capital's 22,000-strong police force rebelled in protest against a government swoop on their leaders who were demanding higher wages and better working conditions.

The riots, which left at least five officially killed and 22 injured, had plunged the business capital of India into panic and fear. But the situation improved as the army took complete charge of law and order and the administration gave it the order to shoot on sight.

The city was limping back to normalcy Friday and there were no major incidents although isolated instances of stone throwing continued in a few places. The 41-hour-long curfew, which was imposed at midday Wednesday, was lifted Friday morning enabling office workers to return to their jobs. Friday afternoon, Bombay was back to its usual self, with traffic jams all around, hawkers clogging up the pavements and the rattling, overcrowded Bombay transport buses back on the road.

Jichkar said over 450 government trains and buses were damaged by angry crowds who aided the rebel policemen. Though offices reported moderate to good attendance, city schools remained closed for the third day Friday, officials said.

Officials estimated the financial loss at several million dollars with the city transport corporation sustaining about \$11 million loss due to destruction and damage to its fleet.

Meanwhile, local analysts said though the government succeeded in crushing the rebellion, it has left a trail of uncertainties and simmering distrust which would pose problems for Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress Party which is in power here.

Against violating accord

Reagan issues stern warning

BEIRUT, Aug. 20 (Agencies) — As the Palestine Liberation Organization released a captured pilot and a kidnapped soldier Friday paving the way for a U.S.-guaranteed PLÖ evacuation from West Beirut, President Reagan announced in Washington that he was sending U.S. forces to take part in the international buffer force. He warned all parties in the Lebanese conflict to avoid "violations" of the peace plan.

Reagan also stressed that the United States was committed to the "rapid withdrawal of all foreign forces" from Lebanon. "Violations by any party," he said, "will imperil the plan and bring bloodshed and tragedy for the Lebanese people." Those involved in the conflict, he added, "have a special responsibility

Israel blocks Bekaa road

NICOSIA, Aug. 20 (AFP) — Israeli forces Friday blocked the Baydar Mountain Road leading into Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley, preventing traffic from entering or leaving the Bekaa region which Syrian forces have controlled for the past two months. Lebanese radio said in a report monitored here.

The radio also said the Beirut-Tripoli coastal road was cut off Thursday and closed to travelers heading north but open to those coming south from northern Lebanon. It did not specify who was responsible.

The closure of the Baydar Road and the coastal route linking Beirut and Tripoli could isolate Bekaa and northern Lebanon from the rest of the country.

Another key highway, from Beirut to the Syrian capital Damascus, has already been closed by Israeli-Syrian fighting in the mountains. On the road to Tripoli, trucks and cars from Beirut were being turned back. Thursday a roadblock at Barbara, between the zone controlled by rival Lebanese factions favorable respectively to Israel and Syria.

These are the forces of the Phalangist leader Bashir Gemayel, favorable to Israel, and the Al Marada militia who support former Lebanese President Suleiman Frangieh and are allies of the Syrians.

The roadblock was several kilometers north of Jbeil (Byblos) where Israeli troops have been in position for ten days.

Elsewhere in Damascus preparations were under way to accommodate about 7,500 Palestinian commandos. official sources said Friday. These sources said that only half of the commandos were to be allowed to settle in Syria permanently. They refused to disclose where the PLÖ men would be housed.

The sources said that "temporary camp sites" were being readied to host the Palestinians. PLO Chairman Arafat and a number of his senior aides are to arrive in

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Compact U.S. unit goes to Beirut

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 (AP) — The U.S. marines who will go ashore in Beirut to help oversee the evacuation of Palestinian fighters will be drawn from an 1,800-member unit which has been abroad with the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean since May.

The 32nd Marine Amphibious Unit is a self-contained force built around a battalion of riflemen and includes helicopters, amphibious assault craft and light artillery. The units belong to the Second Marine Division and second force service support group at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and the second marine aircraft wing at Cherry Point, North Carolina.

The Marines are aboard the amphibious assault ship *Guam* and four other vessels: *The Nashville*, *Saginaw*, *Hermitage* and *Manitowoc*. Also in the area to provide cover is the aircraft carrier *Independence* and three escorting warships.

Taipei to get 60 U.S. jet fighters

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 (R) — The United States President Ronald Reagan formally notified Congress Thursday on his proposal to sell Taiwan 60 F5-E and F5-F jet fighters in line with the U.S. pledge to maintain Taiwan's defenses.

The move followed only two days of the signature of an agreement between the United States and Communist China under which the United States will gradually reduce armaments to Taiwan while Communist China agreed to seek a peaceful solution to the Taiwan issue. Congress has 38 days to veto the sale.

The president said in a statement accompanying Thursday's announcement that the U.S.-Chinese agreement does not reduce his commitment to help Taiwan maintain adequate defenses. Congress was told Thursday that the sale of 30 F5-E and 30 F5-F jet fighters for \$240 million was needed to maintain Taiwan's air defense capability.

bility on implementation" of the settlement negotiated by U.S. special envoy Philip Habib.

The president did not say how many U.S. troops would take part in the buffer force, but stressed that "in no case will our troops stay longer than 30 days". The United States, he said, had received "assurances" from all parties to the safety of U.S. troops.

"Our purpose," Reagan said, "will be to assist the Lebanese armed forces in carrying out their responsibilities for ensuring the departure of PLÖ leaders, officers and combatants in Beirut from Lebanese territory under safe and orderly conditions." When asked whether U.S. troops would be pulled out in case of fighting, the president answered

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The second conspiracy

By Abdul Karim Abu Al-Nasr
 Editor-in-Chief, *Al Majalla*

No sooner had the U.S. envoy, Philip Habib, reached an accord on ensuring the exit of Palestinian fighters from besieged Beirut than Israel started implementing the second stage of its plot in Lebanon, which could best be called the "second conspiracy."

During the past few weeks, the London-based *Al Majalla* Arabic weekly, a sister publication of *Arab News*, tried to collect as much information as possible on this conspiracy which is going to preoccupy the region for several months at least. The information gathered from well-informed European, American and Arab diplomatic sources reveals the broadlines of this grave conspiracy. These could be summed up as follows:

(1) The Begin government would try to keep Lebanon as an "open front" for conflicts and clashes. Through this "open front," Israel would exercise an actual pressure on Syria, several other states and different Arab circles. It would specially attempt to blast the Reagan administration's plan to tackle the Palestine problem, as promised by Washington to several Arab states.

(2) The Begin government would also make an attempt to divide Lebanon and to set up a "small Lebanese state" with Christian majority and Muslim minority. The southern part of the country would be under the domination of Israel or its stooges represented by men like Saad Haddad, while the Syrian forces will remain in Bekaa area.

(3) In one way or the other, the Begin government would try to do away with Palestinian camps completely in the south as also in the "tiny state." The rest of the Lebanese

civilians (numbering over half a million) would be made to accept one of the two alternatives: either to rehabilitate and adapt themselves to the situation in the "new Lebanon" or to move from the south to Bekaa or, better still, to other Arab states. In fact, Israel intends to create an Arab-Palestinian "problem" by deporting the largest number of Palestinians now in Lebanon. The Israeli authorities have already begun to enforce this policy in South Lebanon.

According to well-informed European sources, the information from Paris and several other European capitals has indicated that the U.S. opposes Israel's "second conspiracy," as it would oppose its efforts to solve the Palestinian problem and would place fresh and serious hurdles before the Arab-American relations. But these same sources fear that the Begin government might succeed in placing the Reagan administration exactly as happened on several occasions, the last being the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

Al Majalla took the lead in revealing the details of the secret U.S.-Israeli accord on this invasion. In its issue No. 123 of June 19, *Al Majalla* reported that Israeli Defense Minister Sharon informed several top U.S. officials, during his May visit to Washington, of the details of a military plot Israel was intending to implement in South Lebanon only, with the aim of ousting the armed Palestinian forces from that region ... But Begin deceived Reagan," as he crossed the borders of South Lebanon and reached Beirut. This was confirmed to *Al Majalla* by the former U.S. President, Gerald Ford, when he said in the magazine's issue No. 131 that "I believe

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France nabs rebels in dawn swoop

PARIS, Aug. 20 (R) — Twelve members of France's

Citizens cabling Reagan

By Gregory Llewellyn

Al Khobar Bureau

DHAHRAN, Aug. 20 — Illustrating that all oaks do in fact from little acorns grow, a able to be sent to President Ronald Reagan his week will contribute, its author's hope, to change in the U.S. government's attitude toward Israel's invasion of Lebanon.

Citing their outrage at the use by the Israeli armed forces of U.S.-supplied weapons "in evident violation both of U.S. laws governing their use and of our cherished ideals of peace, respect for life, human rights, and international order," the American citizens who go the cable will call upon Reagan to use all means at his disposal to ensure a speedy cessation to hostilities in Lebanon.

The rather sizeable "acorn" from which this particular oak has grown was a letter that

Bangladesh minister views solidarity**Conference to play key role**By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Aug. 20 — The 13th Islamic Foreign Ministers' Conference at Niamey can play a major role in solving the non-aligned summit issue and preserve solidarity among Islamic nations, Bangladesh Foreign Minister A.R. Shams-Ud Doha said.

In an exclusive interview, he told *Arab News* Friday that "the conference should provide an excellent opportunity to restate our determination to meet in Baghdad and we are going to do our best to find unanimity on the matter of convening the 7th non-aligned summit."

Bangladesh has taken it on itself to find the solution to all major issues and has kept a close watch to see that "we don't create divisions in Islamic conference or other forums," he said.

Kingdom grants Bangladesh \$50m

DACCA, Aug. 20 (AFP) — Saudi Arabia is to grant Bangladesh aid package of \$50 million in terms of an agreement signed in Riyadh on Sunday. Bangladeshi Finance Minister Abul Muhith said here Friday. The minister, quoted by the official Bangladesh News Agency BSS, added that the aid came in addition to the \$20 million grant made by

"We are firmly committed to go to Baghdad and appeal to all to make it a success to show unity and solidarity on behalf of the Third World, the non-aligned meeting has been an important forum in East-West relations and brings balance among them, so we must ensure our ability to meet," said Doha.

Bangladesh has always taken a keen interest in the Islamic Foreign Ministers conferences and it is taking special interest this time because it is hosting the conference next year, the date for which will be decided at Niamey, Doha said.

During his visit to Saudi Arabia, Doha met Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Abdul Rehman Amin Al-Mansouri and senior ministry officials to discuss two major issues agitating the Muslim and Arab world concerning the Palestinians and Lebanon crisis and Iran-Iraq war.

"As American citizens working and living in the Arab world, we are horrified by the Israeli invasion of Lebanon involving the death and injury of thousands of people, the destruction of cities and villages and the dislocation of whole communities. We have been particularly anguished by the indiscriminate bombardment of West Beirut and Israel's denial of food, water, medical supplies and fuel to the population."

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"We call upon you to use all political and practical means at your disposal to ensure a speedy cessation to hostilities in Lebanon."

King Fahd last week to help victims of recent floods in Bangladesh.

The accord was signed during talks between Muhibb and his Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Khalil that included Dacca's balance of payment problems and the establishment of joint investment companies in Bangladesh.

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appeared last month in the columns of *Arab News*. Written by Henry J. Rigler, an American English-language instructor in Dhahran, the letter vigorously protested the "metaphysical insanity and moral cowardice" of the U.S. government in the attitude it has adopted toward the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. It castigated U.S. leaders in positions to determine policy as "second rate dwarfs trying to play the role of giants" and censured such luminaries as ex-secretaries of state Henry Kissinger and Alexander Haig, U.N. representative Jeanne Kirkpatrick, and columnists William Safire, Joseph Kraft, and George Will, whom Rigler characterized as examples of pro-Israeli propagandists (who) are read by millions of people in any given week."

The letter elicited comment from a wide variety of correspondents. Rigler received messages of support from men like columnist Anthony Lewis, editor of the *Journal of Palestine Studies*, Hisham Starabi, anti-Zionist author Alfred Lilienthal, executive director of Americans for Middle East Understanding, John Mahoney, and director of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, James Zogby.

Another letter from Senator Charles H. Percy (R-11), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, expressed dismay at the Israeli invasion and indicated the senator's intention to require the administration to determine whether Israeli use of American weapons was legal or not and to notify Congress whether a violation of U.S.-Israeli agreements about their use had occurred.

"I believe it is imperative that we do not allow the crisis of the moment to cause us to lose sight of the fact that there will be no peace in the Middle East until the Palestinian issue is resolved," the Senator wrote.

He went on to explain that "By this I mean the establishment of an entity, a homeland for the Palestinians, possibly federated with Jordan, with security guarantees for all the parties."

"We also must help our friends, the Lebanese, to reassess central government control throughout their country," Percy concluded: "All foreign military forces must be withdrawn as soon as possible."

American friends of Rigler who shared his concern about the drift of U.S. policy in this part of the world met to consider what could be done about it. The result was the drafting of a cable for which signatures are being solicited before it is sent to the White House.

The text of the cable to be sent to President Reagan reads as follows:

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Solaim**Closer links with Canada proposed**

TORONTO, Aug. 20 (AP) — Canada and Saudi Arabia should develop closer links in the petrochemical field because in a few years the two countries will have the most efficient petrochemical industries in the world, Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim said here.

The minister, said Saudi Arabia could learn much from Canada's world-scale petrochemical industry, especially in the fields of technology and marketing. This would help the Kingdom to develop its own fledgling industry.

The minister told a news conference after meeting Ontario government officials: "we believe that your petrochemical industry and our petrochemical industry in the coming few decades will be probably be the only efficient industries in the world in their field."

Dr. Solaim is on a week-long Canadian tour to promote trade with his country.

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Fajr (Dawn)	4:36	4:34	4:05	3:50	4:14
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:24	12:25	11:56	11:43	12:07
Assr (Afternoon)	3:47	3:53	3:24	3:14	3:38
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:47	6:51	6:22	6:11	6:35
Isha (Night)	8:17	8:21	7:52	7:41	8:05

Tunisia conveys its wishes for Arab summit to succeed

RIYADH, Aug. 20 (SPA) — Tunisian Foreign Minister Beji Caid Essebsi, in an interview published here said his country would do its utmost to ensure the success of the proposed Arab Summit, due to be held next month.

He told *Al-Riyadh* the proper atmosphere to unite the Arabs and expand the dialogue among them to achieve a common ground should be prepared so that they might be able to "confront challenges facing the Arab nation."

"Arab unanimity is not impossible," he declared. The foreign minister urged Arab leaders to "remove all obstacles in the way of Arab unity, especially after the hard lessons the Arab nation has had."

Referring to next month's Arab Summit, he said that Morocco had done its best to provide the appropriate atmosphere and ensure success for the summit, adding that his country would also contribute to a successful outcome.

He expressed the hope that the conference would meet Arab aspirations, notably on the Palestinian cause.

The minister said it was regrettable that the Arab world was not similarly organized as regards to development, progress or politics.

Essebsi added that the Arab world had been divided over the most important question, including the Palestinian cause.

Ministers to hear security report

TAIF, Aug. 20 (SPA) — A report on the Riyadh-based Arab center for Security Studies and Training will be presented to the forthcoming meeting of Arab interior ministers by Interior Minister and chairman of the Center board of directors, Prince Naif, it was announced here Friday.

Dr. Farouk Murad, director general of the center, in a statement hailed the center's efforts to achieve cooperation among the Arab states in the various fields of security.

He thanked the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states for helping boost the center's budget.

The director-general, who said the center's aim was to help Arab countries combat crime, underlined the role of the information media in this respect.

Pakistani beheaded

ASIR, Aug. 20 (SPA) — A Pakistani national was beheaded here Friday after being convicted of murder, according to an Interior Ministry statement.

Muhammad Saber Fazal was found guilty of murdering his employer, Saudi Arabian national Abdullah Hayaze Al Barqi following a dispute.

The statement said Fazal and Barqi had a misunderstanding as a result of which Fazal shot dead his employer with a firearm.

Pakistani Haj flight arrives

JEDDAH, Aug. 20 — The first Pakistan International Airlines Haj flight carrying 444 pilgrims arrived at King Abdul Aziz International Airport Haj Terminal at about 6.00 a.m., Friday morning.

Pakistan Charge d'Affaires Amin Jan Nain, Director-General Haj, Pakistan Embassy Shaukat Ali Chaudhary and officers and staff of Pakistan Embassy were present at Bay No. 2 to receive the incoming pilgrims. Pakistani pilgrims arriving by air are estimated to be 39,000 this year.

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Islamic museum to exhibit rare coins, architecture

JEDDAH, Aug. 20 — Makkah's Ummul Qura University is preparing to open an Islamic museum which will exhibit antiquities from the beginning of Islam until modern times.

Al Madinah newspaper reported Thursday that a technical study is being conducted by the Shari'a and Islamic Studies College's department of Islamic civilization and systems to open the museum. Dr. Muhammad Saleh Shusib, assistant professor at the Islamic civilization department, supervises the museum's establishment.

Preparations underway

Approval was given several months ago by Ummul Qura University Director Dr. Rashed ibn Rajeh to the museum idea. The Islamic civilization department is in the process of importing glass display cases from Europe, especially designed to preserve ancient art crafts.

Architecture section

The museum will have several sections and sub-divisions. The Islamic section will have subdivisions for Islamic architecture in Makkah which will display a miniature of the Holy

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Haram's minarets. The Islamic coins section will exhibit very rare collections of which there are large numbers from the year 74 of the Hijra (more than 13 centuries old). The first Islamic Dinar was issued during the reign of Abdul Malik ibn Marwan, the Ommiad caliph, during the first century of Hijra.

The university bought about 195 coins from an Islamic coins collector. Negotiations are underway now, for large quantities of Islamic coins, estimated to cost millions of riyals. A representative of the university has just returned from Europe where he made a technical evaluation of the coins and a committee is now negotiating the prices with the collector.

Craft section

Another section in the museum will be devoted to Islamic pottery and glass crafts. The section will display rare pottery and glass artifacts from the early Islamic times. These have been collected from various parts of the world.

Handicrafts display

Saudi Arabia will have a section in which its ancient handicrafts some of which have disappeared long ago. Old tools used in making the handicrafts will also be on display. Some official departments and popular organizations have helped support this section to make it reflect the country's traditions.

Ghazzawi corner

A special corner has been reserved for the late Sheikh Ahmad ibn Ibrahim Al-Ghazzawi's collections presented to the university by his heirs. Ghazzawi also was a famous poet.

Hospital examiners using ultrasound scanning method

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Committee Chairman Dr. Jurnalis Uddin said the conference will be hosted by the Indonesian Islamic higher education institutions cooperation board in conjunction with King Abdul Aziz University of Jeddah, the Makkah-based World Center for Islamic Education and the Islamic Solidarity Fund of the Islamic Conference Organization (ICO).

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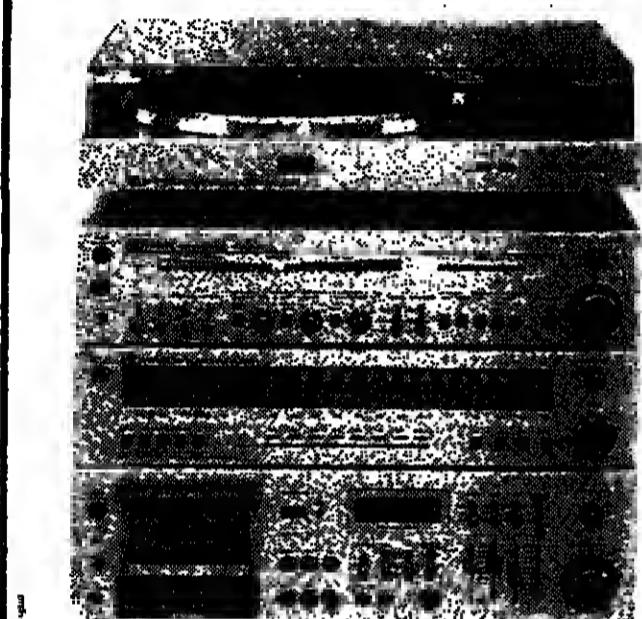
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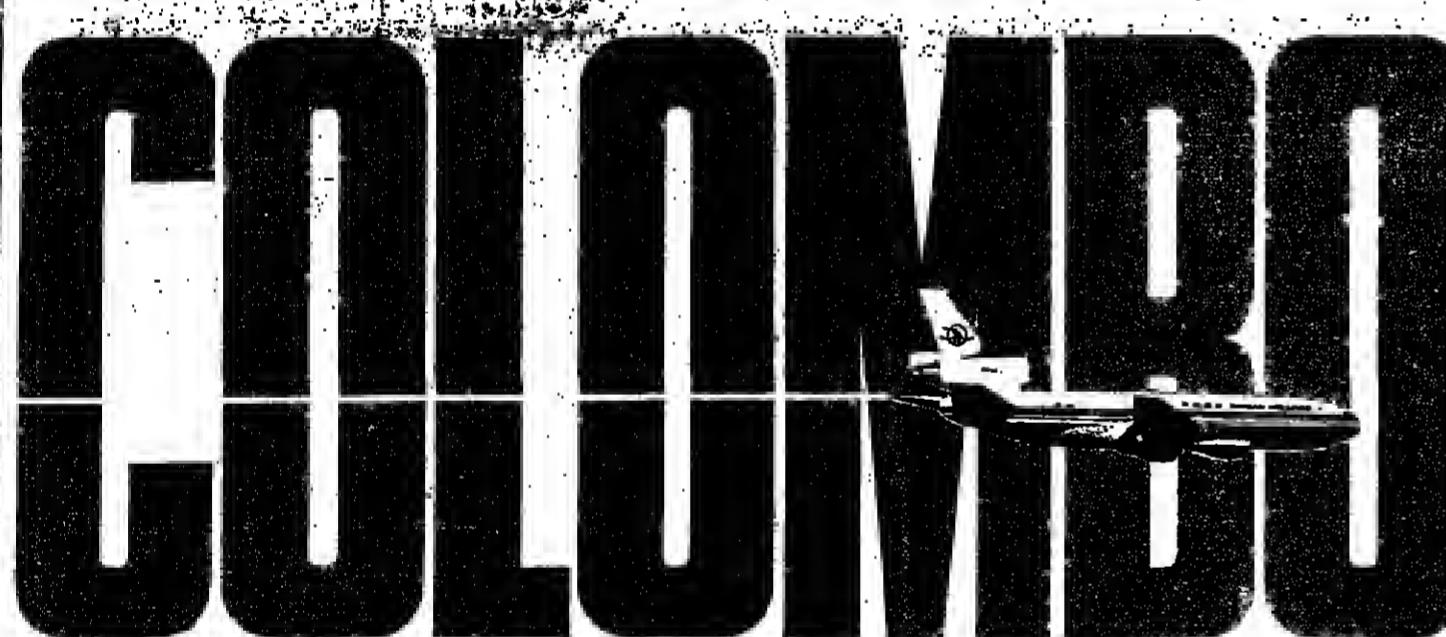


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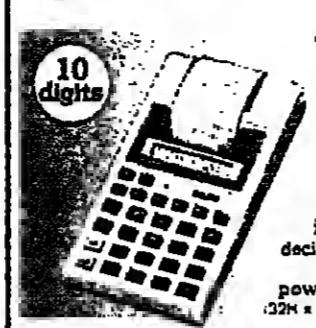
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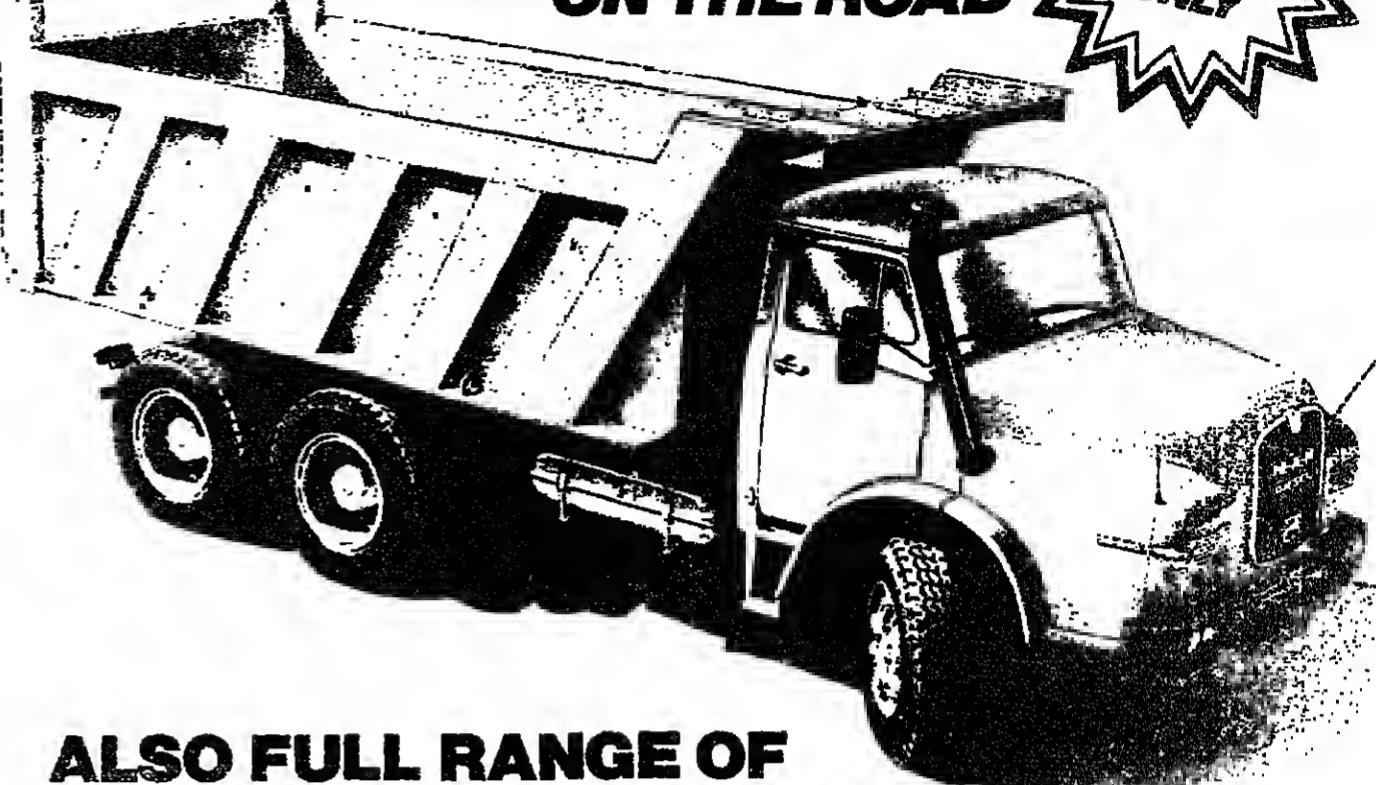
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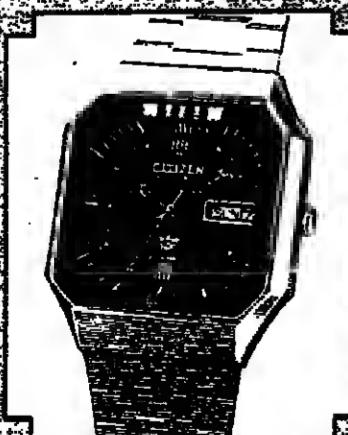
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The second conspiracy

that Begin has gone beyond the borders, and I have the impression that he has surpassed the expectations of the Reagan administration. As I understand, the American administration has agreed that Begin send his forces up to a distance of 25 miles or so inside Lebanon to eliminate the daily annoyance by the Palestine Liberation Organization."

What Begin did later on was that he besieged Beirut strafing and destroying larger portions of the capital. Thus, he placed Reagan before the *fait accompli*, which made the American president not only urgently demand an assurance of the Israeli withdrawal from Beirut and Lebanon (as a whole) but to stop barbaric raids and bombardments against Beirut. However, European sources still fear that Begin might repeat the story with Reagan and "impose" on him the implementation of the "second conspiracy" in Lebanon.

Frontiers of "tiny Lebanon"

Al Majalla learned from reliable American and European sources that the idea of partitioning Lebanon and creating a "tiny Lebanon" was seriously debated in several U.S.-Israeli meetings held during the past few weeks.

During his recent visit to Washington, the Israeli opposition leader, Shimon Peres, raised the idea of partitioning Lebanon with a number of American officials including Secretary of State George Schultz. Well-informed American sources confirmed that Schultz expressed his opposition to this proposal and said that the Reagan administration would exert all its efforts to keep Lebanon united under a single and strong legitimate authority.

Peres had visited Washington in full understanding with Begin to make an attempt to justify the invasion of Lebanon and its aftermath and to show the "unity" of Israel's attitude toward this action. Hours after his meeting with Schultz, Peres received several U.S. pressmen in Washington, including the *Washington Post* correspondent. He told them that he considered the best solution for Lebanon, and most suitable for its continuity was to partition it and to bring it to the limited borders which had existed after the World War I.

According to information gathered by *Al Majalla* from well-informed Lebanese sources and from American and French circles, Begin sees eye to eye with Peres on raising the subject of "tiny Lebanon". Besides, some unofficial Lebanese circles also endorse this idea which has been studied more than once. The "tiny Lebanon," as proposed by Peres and supported by some Lebanese circles, begins, in the south, after Sidon and incorporates part of Bekaa, including Zahle. It stretches up to the north but does not include Tripoli. In accordance with this "concept" or "plot," the South Lebanon, including Sidon and Tyre, will be under the jurisdiction of Israel in one way or the other, while North Lebanon and Bekaa will be under Syria as it used to be before the establishment of

Greater Lebanon in 1943.

In case this "tiny Lebanon" is set up, it would constitute a Christian majority (between 55 and 60 percent) and the rest as Muslim minority. According to this "concept," this small state can be "neutralized" and isolated from the Middle East crisis as also from the future of the Palestine issue. It would be possible through the total elimination of the Palestinian camps and the expulsion of all or most of the Palestinian civilians either in Bekaa or the north or to other Arab states, especially to Jordan.

Lebanon's unity, a mirage

The partition of Lebanon in this manner has also been discussed by several non-official Israeli personalities with some Middle East affairs experts at the U.S. State Department and President Reagan's National Security Council. Among these Israelis include Prof. Amos Barlomot who holds U.S.-Israeli nationality and is known for his close ties with Begin and Sharon. Recently, he was in Lebanon for several weeks and later he met Begin and Sharon to be acquainted with Israel's future plots, and then came back to Washington to propound the idea of partitioning Lebanon.

A couple of weeks ago, Barlomot published quite a significant article in the influential *Wall Street Journal* criticizing the American policy in Lebanon. He said: "The Lebanese unity, which the U.S. is trying to revive is a mirage, so is what is now known as the Lebanese central government with which Philip Habib is dealing." He went on to say that the invasion of Lebanon has created "a new equation" in this country, adding that there ought to be a Syrian-Israeli understanding on the future of Lebanon and that America must support this understanding. He considered Lebanon "a group of paramilitary feudal leaderships with no national character." He further added that the "real Lebanon whose features have begun to appear is thus: 40 percent of Christians, Shiites and Druze in an area incorporating most of the central Lebanon, Beirut and Beirut-Damascus Road up to the Litani River; 35 percent will include the north and the north-central part of Bekaa to be dominated by Syria while the rest will be South Lebanon stretching from the Litani River, which would include Sidon and Tyre and remain under the command of Saad Hadid."

Barlomot said this situation would "constitute a valid starting point for a Syrian-Israeli treaty similar to the one between Egypt and Israel. Syria can recognize Israel, give up its support for the PLO and sever its ties with Iran, in exchange for the restoration of the Golan Heights and gaining a portion of the Bekaa Valley. This position will be just like the Sinai in regard to Egypt." He added, however, that there was no understanding to the other tens of thousands of Palestinians.

between Syria and Israel on this point, but he urged the U.S. to endorse the plan and help in its realization.

During the past two weeks, several articles have appeared in American newspapers and magazines promoting the idea of dividing Lebanon. One such article was written by a pro-Israel American, Philip Ghabian, in the *Washington Post* last week. He said the prevailing situation demanded the presence of the Syrians in Bekaa and of the Israelis in South Lebanon. He added that this would lead to the final partitioning of Lebanon and that Israel would welcome the establishment of a small Christian state in Lebanon.

The same topic was raised by Begin during his last June visit to Washington after the invasion of Lebanon. Informed American sources had confirmed that Begin did not frankly put forward the idea of partitioning Lebanon but he did give to the then Secretary of State Alexander Haig a concept of the Lebanese situation which would eventually lead to partition. He told Haig that Israel considered the realization of a Muslim-Christian rapprochement in Lebanon in the near future quite an improbability.

Therefore, any authority or government coming up as a result of a need for this accord would be "weak" and based on "mutual concessions". In Begin's view, Lebanon must be administered in the coming stage by an "actual powerful authority", no matter if this led to the Christian domination, under the leadership of the Phalangists, over the country's situation. Such a concept cannot be given a practical shape unless Lebanon is divided in a manner in which the Muslims become a minority in the "tiny state".

The plan of American move

Israel has already begun to create the "suitable atmosphere" for the implementation of this "second conspiracy" in Lebanon. It is now not only content with its domination of nearly 65 percent of the Lebanese territory and the adoption of a number of measures in South Lebanon to consolidate its position and the influence of its allies there, but is taking military measures with a view to paving the way for a confrontation with the Syrians in the Bekaa area. Consequently, Israel has dispatched its forces, tanks and various other enforcements to North Lebanon and to a number of hilly positions overlooking Bekaa — a place where the Syrian forces numbering between 25,000 and 30,000 are stationed.

According to the information reaching Washington and several European capitals, Israel is now preparing to open a conflict with the Syrian forces and the Palestinian fighters in the north. (There are 7,000 Palestinian fighters in the north and in Bekaa, in addition to the other tens of thousands of Palestinians.)

Israel's actual objective behind this conflict is to compel America to intervene to "stop fighting" between the Syrians and the Israelis and to open negotiations for the division of Lebanon. The Reagan administration, however, does not support the Israeli concept as the former is engaged in a dialogue with Syria, Jordan, Egypt and some other Arab states, in order to find a formula for the settlement of the Palestinian issue. Reagan has personally told several Arab governments that he would tackle the Palestinian problem as soon as the Palestinian fighters make an exit from Beirut. Last weekend, he met with Schultz and other experts on the Middle East affairs to discuss the details of the American move in the coming stage.

Al Majalla learned from informed American sources that President Reagan still remains convinced on the need for solving the Palestinian problem on the basis of the Palestinian autonomy talks as envisaged by the Camp David accords. But, on the basis of Schultz's advice, Reagan is seriously thinking of announcing the American concept of the Palestinian autonomy. The talks Reagan had with his advisers are reported to have centered on the following:

To ensure that, after a transitional period of about five months, the Palestinian autonomy must give the Palestinians the right to self-determination and the establishment of a Palestinian homeland;

To ask Israel to freeze all measures concerning the actual annexation of the West Bank and Gaza, and to suspend the construction of settlements;

To invite Jordan and Palestinian representatives for participation in the autonomy talks, side by side with Egypt and under America's supervision.

But Begin's government totally opposes this concept, as Begin wants to annex the West Bank and Gaza and to blast every action aiming at the revival of talks. He, in fact, wants to lay fresh obstacles before the Arab-American ties. In view of Begin's attitude, Dr. Burros Ghali, Egypt's minister of state for foreign affairs, has declared that his country would not resume the autonomy talks with Israel before the latter's withdrawal from Lebanon.

Has the "Beirut conflict" ended?

Summing up from all this, it seems that the "battle of Lebanon" would not end with an end to the "Beirut conflict." The Lebanese official radio broadcast last Monday that the "Beirut conflict" had come to an end and the crisis was on its way to a political solution. At the beginning of this week, it seemed as though an accord had been reached among the parties concerned on the exit of the Palestinian fighters from Beirut, while Philip Habib was able to have some of the Israeli conditions abrogated. Israel rescinded its insistence on getting a list of the names of

Palestinians who would leave Beirut and the way they would be sent to the Arab states. It had also agreed to the supervision of the exit process by the international observers. The only question that remains is the return of the Israeli pilot taken captive by the Palestinian Resistance and the bodies of nine Israeli soldiers who had been killed in the south during the 1978 conflict. Habib has already promised to see this done.

Reports available at the beginning of this week indicated that the Palestinians will start leaving Beirut Saturday and the process of their exit from the capital will take two weeks. The Palestinian fighters (numbering between 7,000 and 10,000) would be distributed among Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Tunisia, North Yemen, South Yemen and Algeria. But Egypt continues to demand the formation of a Palestinian government in exile and America's recognition of the Palestinians' rights before the movement of the Palestinians to Egypt.

Such an accord may be doomed to failure as Israel prefers the murder of the Palestinians, especially their leaders, over their safe departure from Beirut. On Aug. 12, Israel launched 220 air raids on Beirut within 11 hours, in which 600 persons were killed and injured and a large portion of West Beirut was destroyed. During this barbaric bombardment, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat got in touch with King Fahd and urged him to exert his own efforts to put an end to these raids.

Reagan

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Israel blocks

Meanwhile, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Friday handed two captured servicemen back to Israel, setting the stage for an evacuation of thousands of Palestinian commandos from Beirut. The evacuation should mean that the Israelis will lift their siege of war-battered west Beirut 11 weeks after invading Lebanon.

The release of the prisoners had been Israel's final condition for starting Saturday's evacuation. They were handed over to the Israelis by the International Red Cross at Beirut port.

Iraq

tors of the front. It also said two Iranian aircraft were driven from Iraqi airspace in the Basra region and two others from near Doukhan.

The Iraqis added that Iranian bombs fell on residential and commercial areas of Basra and Khanakin killing six persons and injuring 10 others — all civilians — and setting fire to houses and a hospital.

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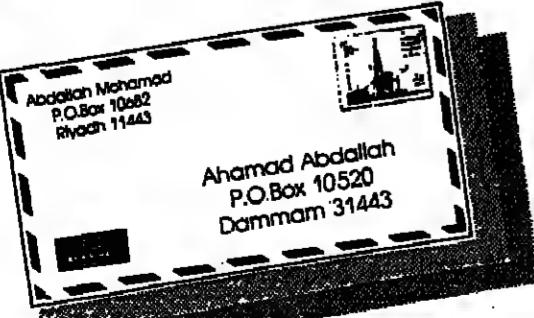
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Home video entertainment

Presley still has strong hold on pop music

By Robert Hilburn

LOS ANGELES. (LAT) — *Home Video* is a magazine that's devoted to keeping us informed about the latest developments in the rapidly expanding field of home video entertainment.

So what contemporary hotshot do you think the magazine put on the cover of this month's issue? Was it Jane Fonda, whose *Workout* exercise video is cited by the magazine as the nation's best-selling cassette these days?

Or maybe Bill Murray, whose *Stripes* film is reportedly the most popular rental video?

Or what about little *E.T.*? The Steven Spielberg movie isn't available yet on cassette, but the magazine editors could surely come up with some excuse to put such a sales booster on the cover.

As it turns out, you won't find any of these possibilities on the front of this month's *Home Video*. Instead, the photo belongs to Elvis Presley, who died five years ago in his Memphis home.

In an article titled "The king has found a

new place to dwell," *Home Video*'s J. Hoberman points out that 13 Presley cassettes are now on the market. And show how fast things change in the home video field, the article is already out of date.

A recent check of video outlets showed that two new Presley videos had just been released and that another one — an expanded version of last year's *This is Elvis* movie — is due soon. It looks like the king of rock 'n' roll may also be the king of video.

Presley was more than just rock's greatest star. He was also one of the most celebrated American heroes of modern times — a man who ignited youthful aspirations in this country as much in the 50s as John F. Kennedy and the Beatles did in the 60s.

Even though his own American dream turned into an American nightmare, Presley continues to have a strong hold on the pop imagination. An estimated 3,000 people a day file through Graceland, his Memphis mansion, where \$5 tours were inaugurated this summer. RCA Records has released nine posthumous Presley albums, and each has made the national sales charts.

One of the tragedies of Presley's life was that he rarely tested his own artistic potential. Much of his career was wasted on formula-dubbed films and indifferent recordings.

The Presley video cassettes underscore how much time the late rock star wasted on shabby projects. But the best cassettes also are full of Presley's charm and charisma, and they document his status as a revolutionary in pop music.

Because it provides the most perspective, *This is Elvis* is the most useful single Presley cassette. It offers scenes from early TV shows, shots from newsreels, clips from home movies and lots of concert footage. The cassette, produced by David Wolper, and written and directed by Malcolm Leo and Andrew Solt, is expected to be released by Warner Home Video and shown as a three-hour network TV special late this fall. The old, 100-minute version of *This is Elvis* is currently being shown on cable and pay-TV services.

The remaining Presley cassettes fall into two categories: movies and compilations drawn from concerts and TV appearances. The cas-

ettes, which normally sell for \$40 to \$60, can often be rented for as little as \$1 a day.

Nine of Presley's nearly three dozen movies are now available on cassette. The best are *Jailhouse Rock* (GM-CBS Home Video) and *King Creole* (20th Century-Fox Video) from the 50s group, and *Blue Hawaii* (20th Century-Fox Video) and *Viva Las Vegas* (MGM-CBS Home Video) from the 60s films.

In the 50s films, Hollywood experimented with putting Presley into James Dean-like roles as the misunderstood teen rebel who battles for identity and respect. After the success of softer, good-time efforts like *G.I. Blues* in 1960 and, especially, *Blue Hawaii* in 1961, the experimentation was largely abandoned in favor of simple grind-em-out amusements in which the only mystery for the audience — and sometimes the only fun — was in learning what ludicrous occupation Elvis would be given: lifeguard, race-car driver, doctor in a ghetto hospital, helicopter tour guide. There is an added problem with the 60s films: the quality of songs was woeful.

More noteworthy than the movies, generally, are the six compilation cassettes, all released by King of Video. The essential one is *Elvis in the Fifties*, which brings together Presley's early TV appearances on the Ed Sullivan, Steve Allen and Dorsey Brothers shows. It gives us a priceless opportunity to see how this young rock performer first presented himself to bewildered adult and enthralled teen-age audiences.

For the last two or three years Jia has taken to heart the post-Mao leadership's admonition "get rich." His family's cash income is well over \$1,500 a year, several times the national average. In this pastoral brigade, according to Jia, most families make at least half what he does, not counting their private sales of horses, wool and meat.

Like all residents of China, Jia has nothing to say for the Cultural Revolution.

"Everything was crazy, mixed up. The herdsmen looked after the horses and sheep but they were lazy and unorganized so production fell and everyone here got poorer and poorer. Our real leaders were criticized and removed."

What happened to the leaders loyal to the Gang of Four who oversaw the impoverishment of Wang Fu Brigade during the "ten terrible years"? They were criticized. The main ones were criticized to death and now life is back to normal."

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But the Mongol horses are showing their ribs, the foals lie feebly on their sides, and the grain is only knee-high at what should be harvest time.

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Several states surveyed

India shows little concern for bonded labor

By Dilip Ganguly

NEW DELHI (AFP) — Over 2.2 million people toil as slaves in India, and state governments have shown little concern for their welfare and freedom, a federal government sponsored official report reveals.

The Commissioner for Scheduled Caste and Tribes — a federal-controlled welfare organization — said that only 120,000 slaves had so far been freed and that state governments not only refused to take up welfare schemes, but even "deny the prevalence of this pernicious practice."

Of India's 22 states 19 of them are ruled by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress (I) Party, which controls the federal government.

Wednesday's report was seen as the first official admission in recent years of the existence of such a large number of slaves, officially called "bonded laborers." The report and the statistics were based on a survey done in several states by the National Labor Institute.

where tens of thousands of agricultural laborers have been bonded by rich farmers for generations. "Unmarried girls and young men are brought by slave runners from drough-tit poor areas of the states and are re-sold to rich farmers, restaurant owners, and private individuals," the report said.

"The apprehension of the commissioner (that the persons would end up as slaves) proved correct, as reports started appearing in the country's newspapers that tribal boys and girls were working as bonded laborers in private brick kilns in other states."

The report was based on surveys conducted in 295 districts of the slave-prone states of Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh, but there has still been no comprehensive national survey. Unofficial reports by social scientists on slavery in India have put the figure for slaves at a staggering five to six million.

The federal report made no mention of the northern states of Punjab and Haryana, the majority work as agricultural workers, mainly in Punjab, Haryana, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh states. But others were lured by intermediaries to distant states in the hope of money and a good job. The issue of slavery came into sharp focus last year when a local journalist brought a middle-aged woman from a slave runner for about \$300. The journalist claimed he bought the woman to show that slavery was still prevalent in India, but ironically criminal proceedings were brought against him under anti-slavery laws.

STOP KILLING YOURSELF

TUMOR IN THE BRAIN

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: We are constantly advised of the seven dangers of cancer, but I have just lost my husband after futile operation for a malignant brain tumor. More specifically, it was a glioma of the brain and it seemed to have struck without warning.

There were no symptoms until a week or so before the operation. Can you tell your readers and me more about this horrid thing? Were there symptoms we overlooked? It seems he never really had a chance. Could he have had? — Mrs. S.

Dear Mrs. S.: Not knowing exactly what complaints your husband suffered from. Mrs. S., I can speak only in generalities. As anywhere else, there are many types of tumor in the brain.

One estimate is that about 55 percent are malignant and about 45 percent benign. But even a benign tumor can be "malignant," in a way, if its situation in the brain is such that it menaces vital functions. As in your husband's case, some may attack stealthily and silently, so surgery comes too late. Other brain tumors may be metastatic (extensions from cancer elsewhere in the body — stomach, lungs, kidneys, etc.).

Such are, of course, very serious and beyond help. But, as I said, there are the benign tumors. Early operation can save the patient. Usually, brain tumors are not silent.

I recall one patient in his middle 40s who began to complain of severe headaches. His vision became blurred. Without any apparent reason he would have sudden vomiting spells. He also noticed a loss of equilibrium. He would get dizzy and sway when he walked.

He immediately sought help. Examination of his eye grounds (back of his eye) showed presence of choked optic nerve blurred. Special X-rays also showed a growth.

Brain surgeons removed a benign tumor the size of an egg from his cerebellar region. He recovered completely. Had he waited much longer he might have lost his sight completely.

What I have been saying, Mrs. S., is that early diagnosis is important. Nobody should try to make his or her own diagnosis. Nevertheless, the following symptoms should make one suspicious: severe,

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unyielding headaches; vomiting without any other gastrointestinal symptoms; blurring of vision; unsteadiness of balance or gait; sudden change in personality.

Then let the doctor decide. What seems to be brain tumor may turn out to be something else.

MEDICALETES

(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: I have a knee that has become arthritic and about 50 percent flexible due to a cartilage operation 30 years ago. I am 50. I have been playing handball 25 years.

A doctor had advised me to have a plastic knee inserted. My question: Do you believe that I could continue playing handball in my normal fashion if such an operation was performed? My doctor says yes. — Mr. B.

Dear Mr. B.: I've known some handball addicts (if you'll pardon the expression) and I know how you must feel. But it seems to me what should be first in your mind is the condition of your knee for the ordinary functions of life; walking, bending, running for a bus, etc. Therefore, I'll add a fourth question mark: why worry at this stage about handball? Be content with a well-functioning knee after surgery.

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: At the age of 56, I suffer from a fallen bladder. I notice it mostly when I take walks. It comes down. Is this serious? Can it be helped? — Mrs. T.

Comment: See your gynecologist. If it's due to a vesicovaginal fistula (false opening between urinary bladder and vagina) it can be helped. The common name for the operation is "pelvic repair."

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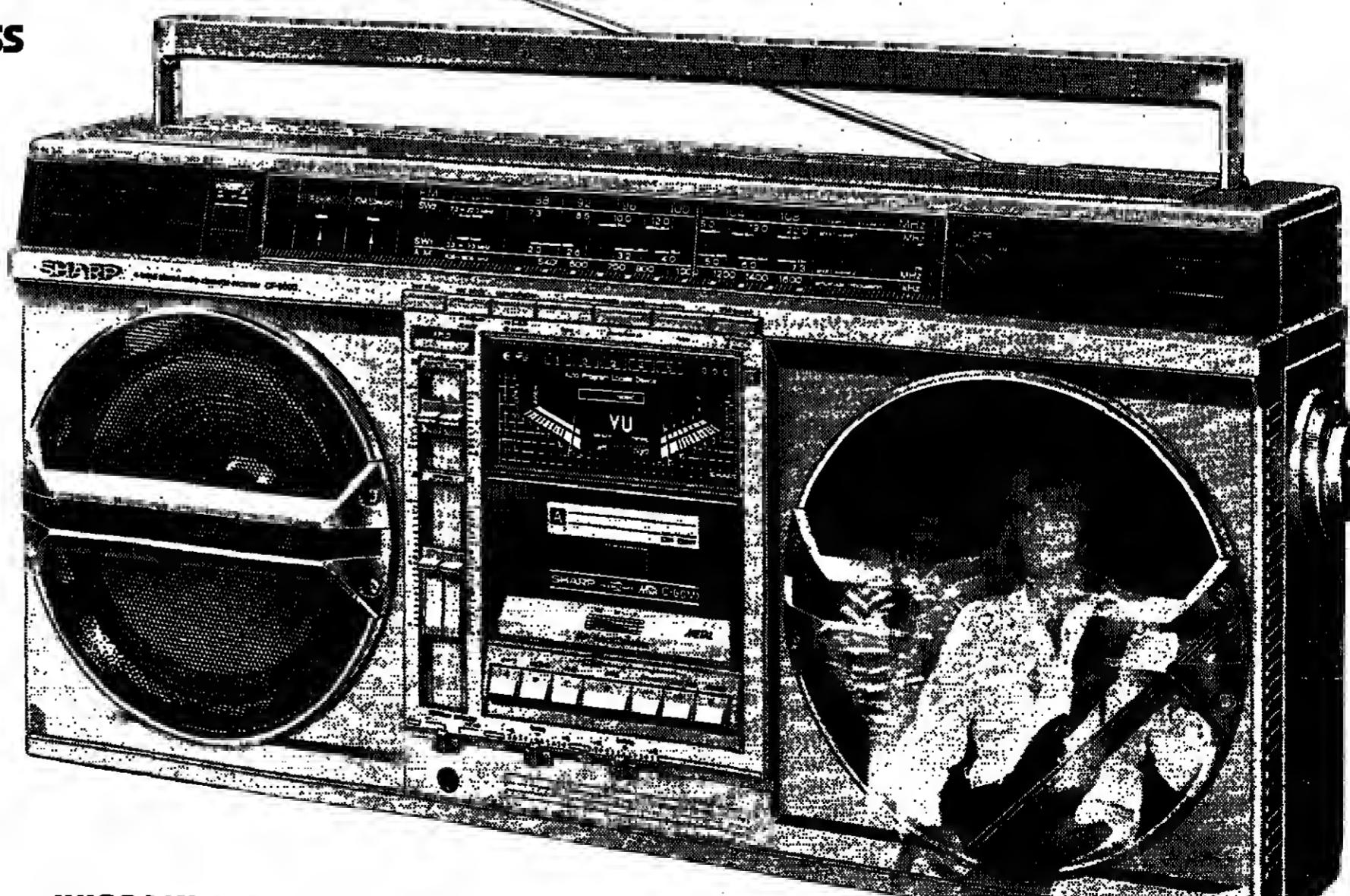
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Soviet minister raps U.S. stance on arms

MOSCOW, Aug. 20 (AFP) — Soviet Defense Minister Dmitri Ustinov has blamed the United States for the absence of progress in the six-month-old Geneva negotiations on the limitation of nuclear arms in Europe.

In an interview with Tass news agency Thursday, Marshal Ustinov also condemned what he called American leaks to the Western press on how the negotiations were progressing, when the understanding was to keep such information confidential. By misrepresenting the Soviet position, such indiscretions were not conducive to progress in the talks, the marshal warned.

He went on to deplore that the United States "continues to cling to the notorious 'zero option,' which be defined as insistence on 'the complete liquidation of all Soviet ground-based medium-range missiles.' That proposal, the marshal added, 'is clearly designed to torpedo the reaching of an agreement.'

The defense minister recalled that the Soviet proposal is for a gradual reduction of such nuclear weapons between the Arctic Ocean and Africa and the mid-Atlantic and the Urals over a five-year period, when each

side would retain no more than 300 units of this type.

"The Soviet Union ... will not unilaterally reduce its medium-range nuclear weapons," the marshal insisted, because there existed "approximate parity of forces" between the USSR and the U.S. and the Warsaw Pact treaty states and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. This rough balance, he added, "was repeatedly admitted by many political leaders in the West" and in fact provided the basis for other "relevant Soviet-American agreements."

The Soviet official said that a particularly "eloquent" statement was made by U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger in an interview with American newsmen Aug. 9 when he stated that "all the activities of the Pentagon are directed at attaining superiority over the USSR in a nuclear war and at concluding it on terms advantageous to the United States."

"The Soviet Union," the marshal stated, "rejects as a matter of principle the course of attaining military superiority. It does not aspire to it, but neither does it recognize such a right in the case of anybody else."

For selling babies

42 to stand trial in Taipei

TAIPEI, Aug. 20 (AFP) — Forty-two persons are to stand trial here in connection with an alleged international baby-selling ring said to have been broken up by police in April.

The indictments were made Thursday after four months of investigation by the Taipei prosecutor's office. Cases against eight other persons were dismissed due to lack of evidence. The group, allegedly masterminded by a 31-year-old mother, Lin Chu Li-chin, was said to have kidnapped babies, or placed newspaper advertisements for children, in order to sell them.

The children were allegedly for adoption by couples in Australia, Switzerland, Finland, France, the United States and Thailand between 1979 and March this year. Most of the children were said to have been under the age of three.

According to the allegations, parents who

Floods in China leave 718 dead

PEKING, Aug. 20 (AFP) — The floods that swept across Communist China's southwest Sichuan province recently left 718 dead and injured 6,000 others, a provincial official said Friday.

The official said that 250,000 persons were left homeless, and nearly 8.5 million persons overall were affected by the floods in the east and northwest of Sichuan, China's most populous province with 100 million people.

The official said the floods last month destroyed 290,000 houses and left 20,000 head-

BRIEFS

MOSCOW, (AFP) — Thousands of Moscovites were seen converging on a downtown state department store when news went around that a shipment of jeans had arrived from Italy. About 15 militiamen were called hastily to control the crowd's entrance to the shop. Jeans are still one of the most sought after items on the Soviet black market. A pair will sell for around 200 rubles (\$270) — the equivalent of the average monthly wage.

BOCA RATON, Florida (AFP) — An army of catfish is marching doggedly through Florida, but fish experts here are telling humans not to panic. The oxygen-breathing catfish, which are as much as two feet long and capable of crawling over land more than half a mile a night with their pectoral fins, are moving through the north of the state and may soon reach Georgia, officials said. They are currently on a migration northward, the officials said. Specialists here say the catfish can survive 85 days out of water provided their skins remain moist.

STOCKHOLM, (AP) — Parents who favor spanking as punishment have formed an association here called "Our Children, Our Responsibility," to protest at legislation banning all forms of corporal punishment in Sweden. The association, which so far has some 60 members, was founded by an irate father from Linkoping, southeast Sweden.

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Marilyn friend receives threats

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 20 (AFP) — Actor Ted Jordan, who claims to have found Marilyn Monroe's long-lost diary, said Thursday he had received several telephone calls threatening his life.

On Wednesday, Jordan announced he had found the diary, said to contain proof that the film star was murdered, but he refused to reveal its contents. Jordan said he met Marilyn Monroe in 1943, when they both were under contract to 20th Century Fox, and remained a friend until her death in 1962.

The actress' friends have been searching for the diary for the past 20 years in a bid to find proof she did not commit suicide but was murdered.

Milos Speriglio, a Los Angeles detective who was a close friend of Miss Monroe, has maintained for years that she was killed when she was about to reveal a series of state secrets gleaned during a love affair with Robert Kennedy, then U.S. attorney general.

He said Miss Monroe had information on a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) plot to kill Cuban head of state Fidel Castro. According to Jordan's latest statement, Miss Monroe's "little red book" does not mention the CIA. But the television actor refused to comment on possible references to Kennedy, who was assassinated in 1968.

Jordan said he found the diary in a neighbor's trunk but kept silent about it for years because he was frightened. Meanwhile, the state coroner said he wanted to question Jordan but he refused to say if there would be an investigation into the alleged reappearance of the diary.

Wage strikes staged

Argentine labor restive

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 2 (Agencies) — Argentina's military government faced fresh pressure from the labor movement as the mechanics' union called a demonstration outside the presidential palace for trade union freedoms and social justice.

Bus drivers and railwaymen staged a 24-hour strike Thursday to back demands for higher pay, the first major successful strike in Argentina since the armed forces consolidated their rule after seizing power in 1976. The wave of labor unrest follows an unprecedented rise in unemployment and fall in real wages and comes at a time of low national morale after Argentina's defeat by Britain in the Falklands (Malvinas) war.

Members of the mechanics' union in the capital planned to march on the presidential palace to submit a list of demands to President Reynaldo Bignone. They called for an urgent return to democracy, an end to factory lay-offs, the repeal of laws limiting trade union freedoms and the adoption of economic policies that benefit the mass of the population.

Gen. Bignone was appointed head of state by the army last month to supervise Argentina's planned return to democracy by March 1984. His government has adopted economic policies aimed at reflating Argentina's depressed and debt-ridden economy but official figures published Thursday made gloomy reading.

Meanwhile, at the United Nations, the Soviet Bloc, Cuba and Venezuela failed in their attempts Thursday to bar two Falkland Islands representatives from carrying their argument for self-determination to the United Nations' Decolonization Committee.

Check expressed hope that the committee would endorse the Falkland Islanders' right to self-determination.

British Ambassador Hamilton White reiterated his government's opposition to resumed negotiations with Argentina over the islands' future.

Japanese official faces warning

TOKYO, Aug. 20 (AFP) — Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Kiichi Miyazawa Friday promised a stern warning to Science and Technology Agency director general Ichiro Nakagawa, criticized for relieving himself in the Diet garden.

He made the promise at a meeting of the Diet steering committee in the House of Representatives (lower house), after a weekly magazine published a full-page photo of an man relieving himself on a tree in the Diet compound garden. The man was later identified as Ichiro Nakagawa, a lower house member and an influential leader of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, the magazine said.

At Friday's meeting Matsuro Yamaguchi, of the largest opposition Japan Socialist Party, commented that Nakagawa had committed a minor crime. "Such an act by an incumbent state minister is a matter of the cabinet's political attitude," he said.

Under Diet rules a Diet member is to be punished for such acts if action is taken within three days. Nakagawa escaped punishment as the charge against him came much later than three days after the "incident."

Buckley pleads on aid

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 (AP) — Assistant U.S. Secretary of State James L. Buckley warned Congress Thursday that failure to approve the administration's foreign aid request would have a "devastating" effect on U.S. foreign policy.

Buckley, who has been assistant secretary for security assistance, appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for confirmation as State Department counselor.

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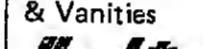
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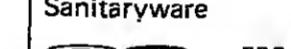
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With growth sluggish

Spring fails to bring cheer to Americans

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 (AP) — The U.S. economy grew during the spring at a slower rate than first estimated, while corporate profits fell modestly, the government has reported.

The reports, while not indicative of a recovery underway, reaffirmed many forecasts that the year-long recession has hit bottom. Most economists now are looking for a slow, weak recovery to emerge before the year is out.

The Commerce Department said in a revised report that the broadest measure of economic activity — inflation-adjusted gross national product — rose at a weak annual rate of 1.3 percent during the second quarter after falling sharply during the previous six months.

A month ago, the government had estimated the gain in the "real" GNP at 1.7

percent on an annual basis. However, poor economic statistics during June contributed to the smaller rise reported Thursday.

Meanwhile, corporate profits, which had plummeted during the first quarter of this year, declined only slightly during the second three months. Before-tax profits fell 1.7 percent from the first quarter to \$168.7 billion at an annual rate. After-tax profits fell 0.8 percent to \$115 billion.

During the first three months of the year, before-tax profits on an annual basis fell 20.7 percent from the last quarter of 1981. Profits totaled \$171.6 billion at an annual rate, down from \$216.8 billion in the fourth quarter.

After-tax profits fell 20 percent during the first quarter to an annual rate of \$15.9 billion, down from \$144.9 billion in the fourth quarter.

Paris to keep rein on prices

PARIS, Aug. 20 (AFP) — The French government has begun a round of meetings with trade unions and employers in a bid to stop pay and prices soaring when the four-month freeze imposed on them and expiring Nov. 1.

The freeze, decided in June after the devaluation of the franc, is aimed at bringing

UAE rig blaze claims one life

MANAMA, Aug. 20 (AP) — An Indian worker was killed and eight other foreigners injured when a fire broke out at an American offshore oil rig in the United Arab Emirates. UAE police spokesman said.

The spokesman, quoted by the Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency, said an investigation was underway to determine the cause of the fire, which was brought under control after 75 minutes.

Earlier reports that a number of Canadians were among the victims could not immediately be confirmed.

Production at the rig, located in the Fateh field, one on two vast offshore fields in the emirate of Dubai, was suspended. But a spokesman said other rigs in the area were operating normally.

1982 inflation below 10 percent. The government aims at maintaining "average" purchasing power. This means that pay increase for the lowest-paid workers will be favored, and that sacrifices will be expected from high earners.

President Francois Mitterrand said this week that the first fruits of his austerity economics came in the cost of living and unemployment figures for July, and that they marked the start of a national economic recovery.

Last month, inflation was up a preliminary 0.3 percent — the lowest increase since 1977. Mitterrand said there was no increase in unemployment "for the first time in seven years".

But the leader of the Reformist Force (FT) Trade Union, Andre Bergeron, accused Mitterrand of undue optimism.

He predicted that an extra 100,000 to 150,000 workers would be out of work between now and the end of the year, and added that purchasing power would be down between five and 10 percent by the end of the freeze.

The employers' federation chief Gattaz said the price-wage freeze was a "remedy that threatens to kill the patient." He said he was impressed by the West Germany's control over inflation and prices.

Henry Kaufman can turn a 'bear' into a 'bull'

NEW YORK, Aug. 20 (R) — Economist Henry Kaufman is considered something of a magician on Wall Street — he can turn a 'bear' into a 'bull' overnight.

Kaufman's extraordinary power was demonstrated Tuesday when, by forecasting further declines in interest rates, he halted the downward 'bearish' market trend, inspiring 'bullish' optimism, and sparked the biggest one-day rally in stock and bond market history.

Never mind that rates had been falling for several weeks, or that other economists had already predicted continued falls — Kaufman bad spoken.

"People are looking for a man on a white horse to give them absolute answers in an uncertain investment environment, and some consider Kaufman as guru," said stock market analyst Michael Metz.

Indeed, many investors consider Kaufman to have the last word on interest rates. When Kaufman speaks, people listen, and his pronouncements are often given more

Wall Street boom proves

credence than the economic predictions that come regularly from Washington.

Kaufman is the chief economist and head of research at Salomon Brothers, a huge investment banking concern whose clients include the biggest corporations in the United States. He is not without detractors. Some note he has been slow to come round to the consensus that interest rates are heading lower, and question his reasons for predicting further falls.

However, all respect his power to move the market. "The fundamentals can be in place, but sometimes ... it takes a Henry Kaufman to give (investors) courage to take the action they wanted to all along," said one stockbroker.

Another said Kaufman speaks and the market moves. Only sometimes, before you know it the market turns the other way and you get stuck."

On Tuesday Kaufman reversed his long-held position that interest rates would move higher during the coming months, and the

stock market reacted with alacrity. The Dow Jones industrial average rose a record 38.81 points and stock market trading volume reached 92.70 million shares, second highest ever.

Kaufman's influence and reputation are well earned. In the past several years few economists have been right so often, or so pessimistic, in predicting the direction of interest rates.

True to form, he was not available for comment Wednesday about the stock market surge. He occasionally makes public addresses but rarely meets the press, except when buttonholed after a public appearance. His forecasts are usually released by spokesmen for Salomon.

The 54-year-old economist, a small, balding man with a slight paunch, has described his work as 'massaging' the economic statistics released by the government and coming up with an economic theory — monetarist, Keynesian, Supply-Sider or otherwise.

Arabs deny move to pullout funds from U.S. banks

MANAMA, Aug. 20 (AP) — The governor of the United Arab Emirates Central Bank has denied that a meeting of Arab bankers in Abu Dhabi had discussed withdrawing Arab deposits in U.S. banks.

"The meeting has not discussed nor will it discuss any working paper on withdrawing or halting Arab financial deposits in the United States," Abdul-Malik Al-Homar was quoted in UAE newspapers.

The two-day meeting was concluded later in the day with a press conference during which Al-Homar said participating central bank governors had agreed on a joint Arab position at next month's joint World Bank and International Monetary Fund meeting in Toronto, Canada.

He said the Arab bloc "may raise" at the Toronto meeting "the possible international economic backlash of Israel's invasion of Lebanon" and renew a request that the Palestine Liberation Organization attend as observers.

Gold recovery prospects soar

LONDON, Aug. 20 (R) — This week's fall in U.S. interest rates and prospects of further declines improve the chances for a slow gold price recovery, but they are not a convincing signal the metal has ended its long-term downturn, market analysts and chartists said.

The relaxation of downward pressure on gold, from historically high interest rates and a strong dollar, has improved the climate for gold investment, they said. But the metal must still go through a long process of base building on charts before the downturn from a peak of over \$720 an ounce in September, 1980 can be decisively broken.

David Fuller, deputy chairman of Commodity Analysis Brokers Ltd., said it would take far more than a lowering of interest rates to create another bull market for the metal.

He noted the market's recent resilience to various international political crises and gold's major role as an inflation hedge. Before a sustained bull market can be realized there must be a major loss of confidence in the dollar and a concomitant return to rising inflation and neither of these conditions are on the immediate horizon. Over the next few months he forecast prices fluctuating around the \$350 level.

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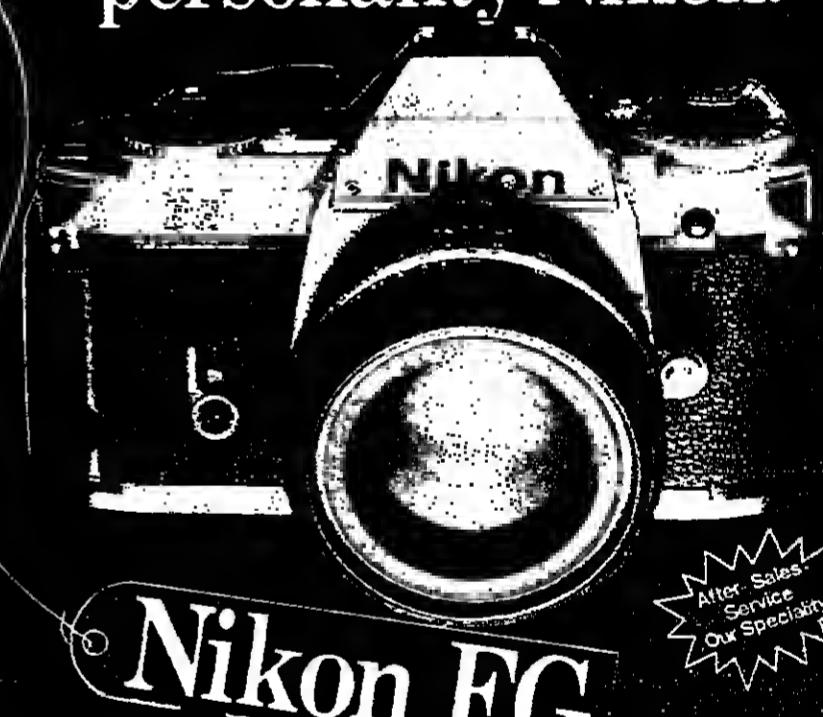
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Japan outlines steps for growth

TOKYO, Aug. 20 (AP) — Japan must improve efficiency in both the private and government sectors in order to provide environment for greater economic growth, government planners said Friday in the 1982 "white paper on the economy."

The annual report, released by the Economic Planning Agency after approval by Prime Minister Zeni Suzuki's cabinet, said Japan must continue to mark growth rates slightly higher than those in the United States and Europe to maintain "stability and vitality."

It said the government, which in the late 1970s followed a policy of fiscal austerity to reduce government deficits and balance the budget, must make greater efforts to stimulate the economy.

The report said short-term fiscal and monetary measures aimed at fueling growth would serve only as detriment to the economy and stressed the need for economic management based on long-term perspectives.

High economic growth also is needed in the coming decades to support Japan's rapidly aging society while sustaining economic vitality, it said. Japan's older generation currently account for 9.3 percent of the population, and a recent government projection estimated the ratio would reach 15.5 percent by the year of 2000.

Foreign Exchange Rates

		Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.13	9.17	
Bangladeshi Taka		15.38	
Belgian Franc (1,000)		72.30	
Canadian Dollar		277.00	
Deutsche Mark (100)	138.60	138.43	
Dutch Guilder (100)	126.00	125.75	
Egyptian Pound	3.30	3.47	
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.50	93.70	
French Franc (100)	49.50	49.50	
Greek Drachma (1,000)	49.52	49.52	
Iraqi Dinar	36.02		
Iranian Rial (100)	5.75		
Italian Lira (10,000)	24.70	24.65	
Japanese Yen (1,000)		13.32	
Jordanian Dinar	9.70	9.61	
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.89	11.865	
Lebanese Lira (100)	67.50	66.40	
Moroccan Dirham (100)		55.87	
Pakistani Rupee (100)		28.00	
Philippine Peso (100)		40.73	
Pound Sterling	5.95	5.93	
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.00	94.56	
Singapore Dollar (100)		159.73	
Spanish Peseta (1,000)		30.75	
Syrian Lira (100)	163.00	162.85	
Turkish Lira (1,000)	59.00	59.95	
U.S. Dollar	3.45	3.44	
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.25	75.25	

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The new financing deficit estimate for cen-

Analyzing Japan's sluggish economy in the past year, it said the slowdown was primarily due to the prolonged inventory adjustment resulting from slack domestic demand and exports. Japan registered an inflation adjusted 2.7 percent economic growth in fiscal 1981, which ended in March. It was the lowest pace of growth in seven years.

The report traced the recession in major industrial countries to the priority of fighting inflation at the expense of economic stimulation. It said major countries also tightly controlled money supply to reduce governmental deficits. These steps, it said, resulted in the current worldwide recession and led to an increase in unemployment.

High interest rates in the United States in

particular hampered the recovery of the world economy, it said. Economic Planning Agency Chief Toshio Komoto said must shift to economic stimulation to recover from the effects of the worldwide recession.

Komoto, citing increases in unemployment and problems among medium and small-size enterprises, said he would like to put together economic stimulation measures by early September, calling a special diet session as soon as possible to introduce a supplementary budget for public works. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 2.48 percent in June, according to the agency. The Japanese rate would be higher if calculated by American and European standards.

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Banks debate Mexican debt

NEW YORK, Aug. 20 (AP) — Representatives of 100 banks, 55 of them American began a closed meeting Friday with Mexican government officials, who were expected to ask for a delay in repaying some of Mexico's \$80 billion in foreign debt.

The meeting was held in a 10th floor conference room at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, but the Fed's only role in the meeting was to supply a room, Fed spokesman Arthur Samansky said.

Mexico is believed to be seeking a suspension of principal payments until 1983, while paying the interest due, on some of its debt. Mexico's public and private debt to foreign lenders is the highest of any nation.

U.S. banks are owed about \$17 billion by Mexico, Friday's edition of *American Banker*, a daily industry publication, said the nine largest American banks have \$12 billion loan to Mexico, about 2 percent of their assets.

Bank of America in San Francisco, the largest commercial bank in the world, is thought to hold the most Mexican debt, about \$3 billion, according to published reports.

A source at the bank said Friday that figure "was on the high side," but he would not say how much Mexican debt the bank holds.

Banks consider that information proprietary, said the official, who asked that his name not be used.

Mexico has encountered serious economic reverses in the last year, in part because of the worldwide oil glut. Mexico is one of the world's major oil producers and the United States is its biggest customer. Those transactions are in U.S. dollars, not directly affected by the deflated Mexican peso.

The meeting here was being held behind closed doors and news reporters were confined to the first floor lobby of the Fed building.

There was no indication how long the meeting would last.

Samansky said Rafael Resendiz, a member of the Mexican delegation, would issue a formal statement following the termination of the meeting.

In Mexico, the peso plunged to almost 120 to the dollar when foreign exchange trading resumed Thursday for the first time in a week.

The rate represented a 30 percent devaluation from the 69.50 rate when the government stepped in to stop dollar sales by the banks last Friday because of the country's economic crisis.

Dutch heading for record deficit

THE HAGUE, Aug. 20 (R) — The Dutch 1982 financing deficit will be a record 10.5 percent of national income, the finance ministry said.

Official savings of between 35 and 40 billion guilders are needed to bring this to an acceptable level around four percent by 1986, it added.

The programs announced by the four major political parties contesting next month's general election do not provide a realistic basis for a government program, nor for the recovery of government finance, the ministry said in a note.

The new financing deficit estimate for cen-

tral and local government compares with 9.75 percent forecast in June, an original aim of 6.5 and an 8.25 percent deficit last year.

The rise is due to lower than expected economic activity which has cut tax and natural gas revenues and raised total unemployment payments.

The ministry calculates public spending will rise by 20.5 billion guilders to the end of 1986, largely due to rising interest and social security payments, if plans are unchanged in the next government's expected term.

If the financing deficit is to be cut to four percent by end 1986 this 20.5 billion rise and an extra 23.5 billion will have to be saved from official spending, less about five or six billion assuming a growth of around one percent in national income, the ministry said.

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — Deliveries of oil to the American market in July were 6.3 percent down on the figure in July last year, the American Oil Institute has reported. Domestic oil production was 2.4 percent higher. Oil stocks were down by 145 million barrels and represented 76 days' supply. Oil imports were 18 percent down at an annual rate.

BRUSSELS, (R) — Unemployment in the European Economic Community last month rose 3.7 percent over June to reach 10.7 million, the community statistics office said. It said the rise was attributable largely to the arrival of school and university leavers on the labor market. The number of jobless was 20.1 percent higher than in July of last year.

DETROIT, Michigan, (AFP) — The American auto industry could experience a sustained market upturn in about six months' time following the recent cut in interest rates, Ford president Donald Petersen has commented. Meanwhile,

Congress okays \$98b tax hike bill

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20, (R) — After intense lobbying by President Ronald Reagan, Congress has passed a record \$98.3 billion tax bill aimed at slowing huge government budget deficits and speeding economic recovery.

With help from an unusual coalition of Republican and opposition Democratic leaders, the tax bill Thursday night passed the House of Representatives on a 226-207 vote and the Senate by 52-47.

Reagan quelled a revolt among his ardent conservative Republic supporters through non-stop lobbying which included White House dinners and picnics at Camp David, the presidential retreat in the Maryland Mountains.

He also persuaded enough Democrats to vote for the bill even though it is a congressional election year when members do not want to alienate voters by raising taxes. Reagan argued that failing to raise taxes would have produced a \$181 billion deficit in 1983.

In turn, he said this would push up interest rates further, and prolong the recession with its 9.8 percent U.S. unemployment rate, the highest since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

London stock market

London, Aug. 20 (R) — The market resumed the upward trend Friday, with government bonds again setting the pace. dealers said.

The success of President Ronald Reagan's tax bill, a firmer opening on U.S. markets Friday and a sharp fall in rates at Friday's U.S. treasury bill tender all underlined the recent firmer trend, and long-dated bonds scored fresh gains of up to 2.5 points, dealers said. The new-exchequer 10.5 percent 1987 stock ended with a premium of 7% sterling at 4% & part paid.

Leading industrials posted rises stretching to 12p, as in Thorn and BP. The *Financial Times* index at 1500 hours was up 7.6 at 577.3.

Most leading equities were higher, Grand Met rising 9p to 279 and Lucas firming 8p to 145. Discount houses had rises stretching to 25p, as in union with Cater Allen rising 20p. Banks were mixed, however, though Lloyds ended 7p higher at 405.

Against the trend, Blue Circle lost another 15p to 398 on worries over its Mexican interests and Turner and Newall was unchanged at 32p after 31.

LONDON — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	384.75
Paris	371.78
Frankfurt	379.74
Zurich	388.50
Hong Kong	379.77

With interest rates diving

Dollar seen losing glitter

LONDON, Aug. 20, (R) — The dollar is likely to ease further from recent highs as falling U.S. interest rates continue to diminish the importance of interest rate factors in foreign exchange markets, economists and foreign exchange dealers say.

Markets will increasingly focus on economic fundamentals such as balance of payments and inflation considerations, now that fears of a marked upturn in U.S. interest rates have been assuaged, the economists and dealers, interviewed by Reuter correspondents in major financial centers, said.

Recent apparent shifts in the U.S. Federal Reserve's policy thrust have given credence to these expectations.

The Fed has been able to substantially relax its grip on bank reserves since growth in the key M-1 money supply measure moved back within its 2.5 to 5.5 percent target range.

Thus in the last two months the key overnight "Fed funds" rate has fallen some six percentage points and treasury bill rates by 5.5 points, while Fed rate has been cut to 10.5 percent from 12 and bank prime rates to 14 percent from 16.5 percent.

But U.S. economists say the speed with which U.S. interest rates have fallen indicates the Fed's concern at continued weakness in the U.S. economy, and the growing shakiness of the world financial system, for which high U.S. rates must take much of the blame.

OPEC aides view problems

VIENNA, Aug. 20 (AFP) — The market monitoring committee of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, meeting here Friday, has not succeeded in overcoming the problems within OPEC, observers said.

But Algerian Oil Minister Belkacem Nabi, emerging after the meeting's morning session, was optimistic that OPEC's problems were "surmountable", adding that the organization had already survived for more than 20 years.

Also attending the meeting are the oil ministers of the United Arab Emirates, Mama Saeed Al-Oteiba, Humberto Calderon Berti of Venezuela, Prof. Subroto of Indonesia.

OPEC is currently struggling against a falling world demand for oil. Not only have industrialized countries not run down their oil stocks as fast as expected, but they have also been developing alternative energy sources.

But Prof. Subroto believes that oil demand will pick up slightly by the end of the year. And Calderon Berti estimates that third quarter demand of 19 million barrels a day will grow to 21 million barrels in the fourth quarter.

OPEC's second big problem is its infighting. Both Iran and Libya, which were conspicuous by their absence from the meeting of OPEC experts here Thursday and Wednesday, bave

also attended the oil ministers' meeting on OPEC's current oil output. Prof. Subroto put last month's production at 18.5 million barrels a day compared to the OPEC production ceiling of 17.5 million.

Angola strikes oil

LUANDA, Aug. 20 (AFP) — The Angolan oil production company Sonangol has located three additional oil and natural gas fields off northern Angola, it was announced here.

The discoveries were made during offshore prospecting by the U.S. oil company Texaco acting in association with Sonangol, Brastpetro (Brazil) and Total (France).

Additional wells are to be drilled to provide an accurate forecast of potential production, which has been estimated at 1,200 barrels per day for the first deposit, 2,859 for the second, and 930 for the third.

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Before bowing out

Ramirez takes set off McEnroe

MASON, Ohio, Aug. 20 (AP) — Detaining champion John McEnroe struggled through three sets and Jimmy Connors had to sweat it out before both advanced into the quarterfinals of the \$500,000 ATP Tennis Championships.

The top seed in this 64-player tournament, McEnroe needed three sets and two hours and 20 minutes to beat 10th seed Raul Ramirez of Mexico 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Meanwhile, seventh-seeded Eric Fromm defeated South Africa's Freddie Sauer 6-2, 6-2 in the third round of the \$75,000 Stow Grand Prix tourney. Sauer had upset countryman Johan Kriek a day earlier in second-round play.

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3-0 lead, breaking Ramirez in the second game. He got the only break needed in the seventh game of the third set to move one step closer to the title.

Also moving into the quarterfinals were Brian Gottfried who beat Henri Leconte 6-3, 7-5; Gene Mayer who beat Tim Gullikson 6-3, 6-1 and Steve Denton who beat Matt Mitchell 7-6, 6-2.

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Women's Tennis Association computer rankings, will meet Iva Budrova, one of four Czechoslovakian born players to reach the quarterfinals. Budrova upset Barbara Hulquist 7-5, 7-5, earlier Thursday.

Navratilova's most difficult problem against Kohde was a fierce wind that swept up after intermittent rain showers had delayed an earlier match. "I don't think I bad that many problems," said Navratilova. "I broke her service five times."

In the rain-interrupted match, ninth-seeded Virginia Ruzici of Romania defeated Catherine Tanvier of France, 6-1, 6-1, to advance to the quarterfinals. Ruzici will face Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia in the quarterfinals. Mandlikova, the fourth seed, advanced with a 6-1, 7-6 victory over Sandy Collins.

The other Czech to advance to the quarterfinals was Helena Sukova who edged Rosalyn Fairbank of South Africa, 1-6, 6-1, 7-5. Sukova meets third seeded Andrea Jager of Chicago in her quarterfinal match.

In other third-round matches, Sabina Simmonds of Italy whipped Ann Minter of Australia, 6-2, 6-2, and Eva Pfeff of West Germany defeated Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia, 6-4, 6-2.

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Major League standings

National League				
Eastern Division				
St. Louis	69	51	575	2
Philadelphia	67	53	563	3
Montreal	64	56	533	5
Pittsburgh	62	58	517	7
Chicago	52	71	423	18½
New York	50	69	420	18½
Western Division				
Los Angeles	68	54	557	—
Atlanta	64	56	533	3
San Diego	61	57	529	3½
San Francisco	63	59	516	5
Houston	55	65	454	12
Cincinnati	46	75	380	21½
American League				
Eastern Division				
Milwaukee	69	50	580	—
Boston	65	53	551	3½
Baltimore	61	57	517	7½
Detroit	61	58	513	8
New York	59	59	500	9½
Cleveland	57	59	491	10½
Toronto	58	63	479	12
Western Division				
California	68	51	571	—
Kansas City	68	52	567	½
Chicago	64	55	538	4
Seattle	59	61	492	9½
Oakland	54	68	443	13½
Texas	48	69	410	19
Minnesota	42	78	380	26½

Thursday's results: Chicago 8, Los Angeles 2; Pittsburgh 6, San Francisco 4; Cincinnati 3, New York 1; Atlanta 5, Montreal 4; San Diego 4, St. Louis 3; Houston 7, Philadelphia 6.

American League

Eastern Division

Western Division

American League

Keegan signs for Newcastle

NEWCASTLE, England, Aug. 20 (Agencies) — England soccer captain Kevin Keegan signed for Second Division Newcastle United for 100,000 sterling (\$175,000) here Thursday night.

Keegan, twice European footballer of the year when he played for West German club Hamburg, ended weeks of speculation when he signed for Newcastle from Southampton, where he played for the last two seasons.

Scores of fans surrounded the hotel where the 31-year-old former Liverpool star concluded the deal, reputed to make him Britain's first 3,000 sterling (\$5,250) a week player. "I think here is possibly the only place and the only crowd in the world better than Liverpool," Keegan said.

French move

Meanwhile, the French Football Association (FFC) plans to introduce tougher punishments for players, officials and clubs who are involved in under-the-table payments to avoid tax.

Players who receive such backhanders may be suspended for one to six months if the new proposals are accepted at the association's next general meeting. Clubs could be excluded from the national cup for one or more seasons and could have up to ten points deducted from their league standings. Officials who make the payments are already liable to be banned from holding office for a period or for life.

The proposed new punishments were announced Friday as a result of the revelation this week that Roger Rocher, former chairman of big French club Saint Etienne, made illicit tax-free payments to several key players.

Platini under treatment

It was revealed in Turin that France's World Cup captain Michel Platini is suffering from a mystery groin strain. Platini said the injury prevented him from taking part in France's play-off with Poland for third place in the World Cup and also explained his poor showing with his new club, Juventus, in their first match of the season on Wednesday.

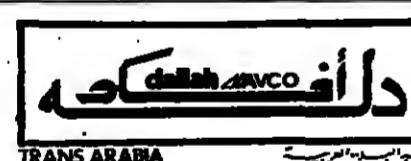
The attacking midfielder's injury is worrying bosses of the Turin club, particularly since Platini says it began three months ago and he has been unable to shake it off. The Frenchman is having radio and ultrasonic therapy as well as special treatment to minimise inflammation. Club doctors believe it could be several weeks before the 27-year-old player is completely fit.

Italian football champions Juventus have settled their salary row with World Cup heroes Paolo Rossi, Gentile and Marco Tardelli. But neither the players nor the club would disclose details of the deal worked out at the club's headquarters in Turin.

Sources say Juventus' previous wage offer of between \$100 and 120 million lire (\$75,000 and 90,000) a year was turned down by the trio because new signings Zbigniew Boniek of Poland and French captain Michel Platini will earn 250 million and 400 million lire a year (\$185,000 and \$296,000) respectively.

Forster honored

In Bonn, West German World Cup full-back Karlheinz Forster was named as footballer of the year by journalists voting in a poll organized by *Kicker*, a sport magazine. Forster, who plays for VFB Stuttgart, received 164 votes. Pierre Littbarski was second with 146 and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge third with 118.



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Medina corners limelight at JBC

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, Aug. 20 — The Jeddah Bowling Center saw the start of its first marathon competition for six months. Monday night, when 29 bowlers played the first five games in a 30 game scratch tournament, and the standings after the first round have a real international flavor.

Jimmy Medina, from the Philippines bowled the night's best game of 247 to put himself in the top spot with a pin total of 1003, but hot on his heels comes American Jimmy Johnson, the most consistent bowler of the evening, holding a 994 total. "J.J." topped 200 in four of his five games, and only a third game slump of 168 kept him from the number one position. Prakit from Thailand holds third pace with 955 followed closely by Ali Habibullah, the top placed Saudi bowler. In all, nine players topped the 900 mark and these cover a spread of six

nationalities.

Two current league record holders were a bit disappointing. Unto Salmela is placed ninth with exactly 900. Unto took the JBC record for a three game series when he bowled a 688 two weeks ago. Pino Veroglia missed the 200 mark in all of his games and recorded a low 877. Pino bowled a near perfect 288 three weeks ago, which is the current highest game score.

In league action at the JBC, teams are starting to look towards the final positions, with only a month to play remaining. In the Tuesday Night League, Exiles 1 appear to be running away with the title after a 4-0 thrashing of Tigers last week gave them a 9½ point lead. Exiles' Ray "daddy" Miller led the way with a 626 series. Dania stay in second place while Marin, who drew 2-2 with Bim Bam Rollers move to third. ABS look certain to take the wooden spoon

there.

Also involved in the Tuesday League is a player, who could well make some big scores in the near future. Omar Binzager picked up his first 600 series last week while substituting for Exiles 1 and the young Saudi seems set to make this a regular event.

JBC manager, Naim Shallita, coached Omar when he decided to take up the game a year ago, and he now hits a 180 average during his daily practice sessions, not bad for an 18-year-old, who tips the scales at a mere 110 pounds.

Exiles 1 also look favorites for the Wednesday Night League, where they hold a three point lead over Sards, with Super 7 in close contention. Bears of Lapland continue to move clear at the top of the Saturday League, having disposed of Exile 1 and Sudafah by 4-0 scores in the last two weeks.



Omar Binzager... impresses

Injured Ovett to keep out of Athens meet

LONDON, Aug. 20 (AP) — World 1,500 meters record holder Steve Ovett has been forced to withdraw from the European Championships in Athens next month and also will miss a proposed clash with his great rival Sebastian Coe in Eugene, Oregon.

Ovett suffered a muscle injury in his left leg while training Wednesday and his adviser Andy Norman, manager of the England track and field team, Friday confirmed that the injury would keep Ovett out of action for a month.

The 26-year-old middle distance ace from Brighton, who also is the Olympic 800 meters champion, was to defend in his European 1,500 meters title in Athens. He was slated to race Coe over a mile in Eugene on Sept. 25. "Of course, Steve is fed up, but what can he do?" asked Norman. "He injured his right leg

in the winter, fought back to get racing fit and now he has got this problem with the other leg."

Ovett is hoping to recover in time to compete in the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane, Australia in October.

Coe, himself recently recovered from a stress fracture, still is expected to run at Eugene and another Briton, 21-year-old Steve Cram, also is expecting an invitation. Cram said: "I've already been asked to run in the Eugene mile and I said no. But I admit it is quite possible they will be on to me again."

In Oslo, Norwegian discus thrower Svein Inge Valvik, 25, was operated on for severe head injuries sustained in a fight outside a night club here, a spokesman for the Norwegian Athletics Association said Thursday. Spokesman Ashjorn Strandskog said Valvik

French cyclists drop threat

PARIS, Aug. 20 (R) — French star Bernard Hinault will compete in the World Cycling Championships in Britain next week after all. It was announced Friday.

Hinault, four-times winner of the Tour de France, and four other fancied French cyclists — Bernard Vallet, Jean Rene Bernadeau, Regis Clerc, and Pierre Le Bigault — had threatened to pull out of the world championships at Goodwood after being fined for refusing to take a dope test last month.

But Friday a spokesman for the French Cycling Federation promised that the cases would be reviewed, and said the federation hoped to field the strongest possible representation in the championships. A spokesman for the Union of Professional Cyclists (UNCP) said that in the light of the Federation's decision the riders would compete.

Gaines, Caulkins bag second gold

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, Aug. 20 (AP) — Rowdy Gaines, less than a second off his world record time in his 200-meter freestyle, and Tracy Caulkins, successfully defending her national title in the women's 400-individual medley, earned their second gold

— the most by any U.S. swimmer in history. Caulkins, who has not lost to an American in the 400-medley since 1977, had an easy victory with a time of 4:44.26, nearly five seconds faster than second-place Vera Barker's 4:49.24. Barker, 17, is a high school senior. Third place went to Polly Winde, 10, who was timed at 4:49.36.

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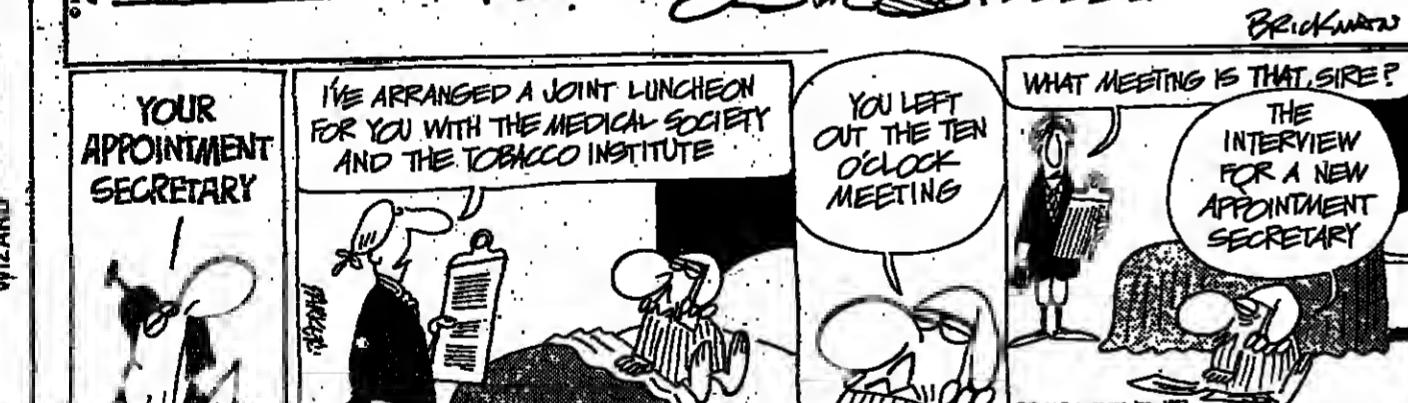
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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1982

ARIES
Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Even though you'll have a good time together, don't jump to premature conclusions. Let romance unfold at its own pace. Enjoy the present moment.

TAURUS
Apr. 20 to May 20)

A close tie may suffer a disappointment now. Otherwise, you'll be busily engaged with some new work ideas or assignments.

GEMINI
May 21 to June 20)

Follow through on that urge to go places and do things.

Vary your routine for happiness now. Give in to that desire to do something new and you'll meet with excitement and adventure.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)

Your judgment may be off regarding the cost of a do-it-yourself project. Entertain others at home for happy times.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)

Follow through on that urge to go places and do things.

However, in romance you need to keep your feet on the ground. Don't fantasize.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

An impromptu shopping trip should be fun, but you may be worried about a loved one's mental state. Be ready to offer encouragement.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Carefree times are in store for you, but along the way you may encounter a friend who needs cheering up. Be a good friend.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Don't underestimate the cost involved regarding a career project. You may surprise some with a gift now. Shopping is favored.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Follow through on that urge to go places and do things.

Welcome the chance to make new friends. You could receive an unusual invitation now. Hold fast to the dictates of conscience.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

You won't have all the answers regarding a romantic situation. Don't try to second-guess others. Opportunity comes from friends.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Join friends in their activities. A loved one though may in some way feel uncomfortable in their company.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

A career or investment opportunity may come unexpectedly. Don't let worry about a romantic matter spoil your evening plans.



Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS	39	Crystall-
1	Nagging fish?	gazer's words
5	Scottish county	DOWN
10	Actor Sharif	1 Long for
11	Suppie	2 Kind of acid
12	Hollywood and —	3 Garson - Colman film
13	Like Miss Muffet	4 Common prefix
14	"— as a Man"	5 Mrs.
15	Varnish ingredient	6 Phil Harris
16	Word with know	7 18 Ill-gotten goods
17	It's all over!	8 Did a farming job
19	Second name	9 Without affection
20	Late	10 Make pleasant
	Italian statesman	11 Like some prunes
	21 Provoked to anger	12 Colombian city
	22 Wearing shoes	13 Friend of Socrates
	23 Belle at Cornell	14 Bombard
	24 Ruth's sultanae	15 Shortening
	25 Sally and her fans	16 Foyt
	26 Thrice (Lat.)	17 is one
	27 — cane	18 Skinfint
	28 Gun in the motor	19 Engender
	30 Here (Fr.)	20 Side with
	32 Tease	21 Consumed
	33 Comfortable	22 Chinese lake
	35 Trip	
	36 Rankle	
	37 Recess	
	38 Join	

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Yesterday's Answer

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TV Programs

Saudi Arabia
Makkah
9:30 Opening, Quran
— Family Program
— Family Meeting
— Closedown9:45 Opening, Quran
— Program Preview
— Cartoons
— Children's Program
— Arabic Magazines
— The Open School
— From the Columns
— English News
— Local Programs
— Daily Arabic Series
— Selected Shows
— Arabic Weekly Series
— Closedown4:00 Children's Show
4:37 Vision OnDrips and Drips
4:59 George/George on the Rocks
5:22 Survival/Deer in Hidden Places5:47 The Honeymoners/Miss from Space
6:19 The World Around Us
6:30 The Weather Channel
6:45 The Weather Channel
7:00 The Weather Channel
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9:15 Religious Talk
9:30 Cartoons
9:45 Program Preview
9:55 Local Children's Program
10:00 Arabic SeriesBahrain Channel 55
6:00 Program Preview
6:05 Cartoons
6:30 The World of Survival
7:00 News
7:15 Ropers
8:00 Emergency
8:45 Quincey

9:00 8:15 and Best, followed by New Summary

10:30 Daily Religious Series

11:30 The Chatshow
12:00 The Weather Channel
1:00 Place in the Gulf
3:00 Closedown

DUBAI Channel 33

7:00 Holy Quran
7:10 Exploring Islam
7:15 Heads & Tails

7:25 Mr. Merlin/Anderson

7:35 Hogan's Heroes

8:00 The Weather Channel

8:10 Clash & Cheese

8:30 Family

9:30 Your Father

9:45 News Summary

1:00 Link City 10

QATAR

6:00 Quran
6:15 Religious Talk
6:30 Cartoons
6:45 Program Preview
6:55 Music of the World

7:30 Comedy Series

9:00 News

9:15 Focus

9:45 Journey to Art

10:00 Cultural Panel

DUBAI Channel 10

7:00 Holy Quran
7:10 Religious Talk
7:20 Cartoons

7:30 Program Preview

8:30 Local Children's Program

9:00 Alib & Costello

9:30 Religious Series

10:00 The Weather Channel

10:30 News

11:30 The Weather Channel

1:00 Quran

2:00 Overture, Versets et Chants

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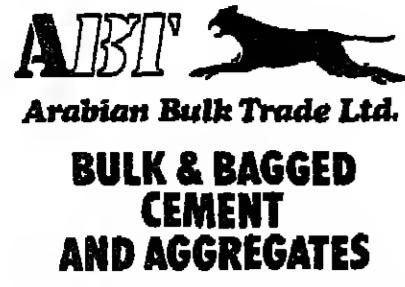
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U.S. plan causes outcry

Bonn asks Kremlin to clarify deployment

BONN, Aug. 20 (AP) — The West German government on Friday called for the Soviet Union to "clear up" the controversy over whether it is continuing to deploy SS-20 medium-range nuclear weapons capable of hitting Western Europe.

Government spokesman Lothar Ruehl told a press conference that the Soviet Union should provide some verification or explanation of its contention that it has stopped deploying the missiles.

Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev said last March 16 that the Soviet Union would unilaterally stop further deployment of the SS-20s and halt all technical preparations for new sites. But United States intelligence sources said last month that the Soviets were continuing deployment.

Seychelles lifts curfew

VICTORIA, Seychelles, Aug. 20 (AP) — A round-the-clock curfew imposed during a short-lived mutiny by disgruntled soldiers was lifted Friday after the capture of most of the fugitive mutineers, the official media reported.

Seychelles Agence Press said life in this Indian Ocean archipelago was back to normal, with people going to work as usual and the international airport open. A communiqué from defense force headquarters said some of the mutineers had fled into the jungle outside Victoria.

The communiqué said "a few" members of loyal forces died in Wednesday's battle to retake from the rebels the government-run radio station, Radio Seychelles, and other key installations on the main island of Mahe.

It added that "a number" of loyal soldiers and rebels were wounded in the mutiny, which began in the early hours of Tuesday with the declared aim of ousting certain senior military officers.

The government of President France Albert Rene so far has issued no definitive figures on the uprising, such as the number of rebels involved in the mutiny, the number of killed and wounded in the fighting or the number of rebels captured.

Unofficial sources said they believed the rebel dead numbered between 10 and 15. They said at least one civilian was killed in the cross-fire and that other civilians were injured.

The rebels had claimed to hold 239 hostages in the seafront building of Radio Seychelles, from which they broadcast their complaints about treatment by senior officials. But staff at the station said there were no more than 30 hostages and that all were rescued.

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May confirm acid rain theory

Pollutants seen drifting to N. Atlantic

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Aug. 20 (AP) — A large plume of carbon monoxide, produced mostly by automotive exhausts, was observed drifting from the east coast of North America into the North Atlantic during the November shuttle flight, NASA scientists say.

"Whether it goes all the way to Europe we can't say," said Henry Reichle of NASA's Langley Research Center in Virginia. "But we can confirm that carbon monoxide is exported from industrial centers through great distances."

He added that carbon monoxide generated in Western Europe is polluting the eastern Mediterranean up to Greece.

The plume could confirm theories that pollutants from industrial centers in Western Europe are responsible for the recent rapid deterioration of marble ruins in Athens and the acid rain falling on Scandinavian lakes.

Ruehl declined to comment on a leak in The Los Angeles Times alleging that Washington had worked out a plan for "successful" nuclear war with Moscow. Ruehl said he "knew nothing about it," and that any change in U.S. nuclear policy would be communicated to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization nuclear planning group.

However, the report has caused an outcry here, with public opinion still sensitive after U.S. President Ronald Reagan's remark last November about "limited" nuclear war in Europe. Sources close to the Foreign Ministry have made no secret of the fact that, should the Pentagon document prove authentic, it would cause serious doubts in Europe on U.S. commitment to negotiating nuclear arms reduction with Moscow.

As military circles expressed concern that the leak would fuel the pacifist movement here, the ruling Social Democratic Party's military expert, Karsten Voigt, lashed out at the U.S. administration for "being under the dangerous delusion that one can control or win a nuclear war."

Pacifists within the party leadership have asked the government to query Washington on the report. Nothing that nuclear war would devastate West Germany, Die Zeit newspaper predicted that the leak would strengthen the pacifist movement and create new tension within the Atlantic alliance.

Crowds of several hundred have gathered there daily singing religious and patriotic songs and making V-for-victory signs, often under a banner of the suspended Solidarity trade union or a picture of its interim leader Lech Walesa.

On Thursday the police prevented people from gathering by patrolling the square and checking documents. Some people were warned they would be charged with littering if they placed flowers on the ground. In the evening a group of several hundred laid flowers in the nearby Castle Square, in the city's old town, but they dispersed when a column of riot police arrived.

2nd Soviet woman orbiting in space

MOSCOW, Aug. 20 (AP) — Three Soviet cosmonauts including a woman, were reportedly to have started preparations Friday to link their spacecraft with a Soviet space station orbiting the earth.

Svetlana Savitskaya, the second woman ever sent into space, and fellow cosmonauts Leonid Popov and Alexander Serebrov began their workday at noon Moscow time, according to the official Soviet news agency Tass. They were expected to dock their Salyut-7 spaceship with the space station at about 10 p.m. local time (1800 GMT).

Radios Moscow said "all is normal" on board the spaceship that was launched Thursday.

The three new Soviet cosmonauts will be joining cosmonauts Anatoly Berezovoy and Valerian Lebedev aboard the Salyut-7 space station. Berezovoy and Lebedev have been working on the orbiting scientific laboratory for more than three months, and have already been visited there by a joint Soviet-Czech crew.

The latest all-Soviet crew to be sent into space includes two rookies and one veteran.

One rookie is Miss Savitskaya, a 34-year-old pilot, who is the daughter of a Soviet Air Force marshal and ace war pilot. The other is Serebrov, the 38-year-old flight engineer. The commander of the crew is Popov, 36, who completed a record-shattering 185-day space flight in 1980, and also flew in space last year with Romanian cosmonaut.

The Soviet Union has lionized its first

University of Florida physicist Alex Greene said. "This kind of evidence lends support to the feeling that pollution is an international problem, not a local one," he said.

The instrument responsible for the findings was a 23-inch-high air pollution measure, equipped with a digital tape recorder and a carbon monoxide detector, that was in the space shuttle Columbia's cargo bay during the second mission last November.

While the experiment measures carbon monoxide only, it may show that other pollutants such as the more toxic sulfur dioxide also travel along air currents around the globe, officials say. Sulfur dioxide, produced mostly as an industrial waste, is the major constituent of acid rain, which kills fresh water lakes, scientists say.

Pollutants such as carbon monoxide usually have a long life in the atmosphere, and are believed to cross the Atlantic and

mix with pollutants generated in Britain within five days, said Dr. James Friend, a physicist at Drexel University in Philadelphia.

Since excess carbon monoxide could affect global weather by combining with oxygen to form carbon dioxide and cause the "greenhouse effect," an abundance of the pollutant could raise overall temperatures on earth. Higher temperatures could upset growing cycles of crops, Reichle said.

Friend said more carbon monoxide in circulation also puts a greater burden on the atmosphere's natural cleansing. "This finding may show carbon monoxide is being exported because it's accumulating," he said. The area with least amount of the pollutant was the South Pacific, he added.

The November air pollution experiment was successful, Reichle said, and it will fly along again on the 17th shuttle flight scheduled for August 1984.

Bomb attacks precede Corsican voting

Corsica, a group demanding total independence for this French Mediterranean island of 220,000, claimed responsibility for a rash of at least 80 explosions that went off before dawn Friday causing considerable property damage but no deaths.

Prosper Alfonsi of the leftist Radicals Party, a junior partner in France's Socialist govern-

ment, was elected head of the new assembly in a third and final round of voting after two inconclusive rounds in which none of the eight candidates could obtain an absolute majority of 31.

Corsicans were first in France to elect a regional assembly earlier this month as part of the Socialist government's vast decentralization program. Neither rightist nor leftist parties had won a clear majority in the Aug. 8 vote while the Union of the Corsican People, an autonomist group, grabbed a surprising eight seats out of 61.

About half the bombings — mostly small charges of dynamite placed in banks, post offices, and shops owned by French mainlanders — were heard in the Corsican capital before 4 a.m. and 4:30 a.m., just hours before voting was to begin.

There were about 15 explosions in Bastia, and others at Porto Vecchio, Cargese, Porticcio, Sagona, Corte and Calvi, where two persons were reported slightly injured by a blast which damaged a Chinese restaurant owned by a former French legionnaire.

The group which claimed to have planted the bombs had called for a boycott of the regional assembly elections earlier this month. Edmond Simeoni, head of the Union of Corsican People, in negotiations with Socialist assemblymen before Friday's vote, denounced the clan system which he said lay behind election fraud, political payoffs and misuse of public funds on the island.

Simeoni, a militant who had previously spent time in French jails for his separatist activities, won a total of nine votes in Friday's election for assembly, president, second runner-up after conservative candidate Jean-Paul Rocca Serra, with 20 votes. The winner, Alfonsi, benefited from a united Socialist and Communist bloc in the third round of voting, obtaining a simple majority of 23.

India venue for summit preferred

NEW DELHI, Aug. 20 (AP) — Radovan Vlajkovic, vice president of Yugoslavia said Friday his country would be "greatly pleased" if agreement could be reached to hold the seventh summit meeting of the nonaligned movement in the Indian capital.

"It is also very important to reach agreement among all members" of the movement on where to hold the pre-summit meeting of foreign ministers, Vlajkovic told reporters on his arrival here for a one-day visit. Vlajkovic later discussed the matter with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

The seventh summit was scheduled to begin Sept. 6 in Baghdad, with the ministers meeting set to open in the Iraqi capital Sept. 2. However, Iraq remains locked in a bloody border war with Iran.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has asked India, which along with Yugoslavia and Egypt was a founding member of the nonaligned movement, to host the summit. He suggested the ministers meeting be convened as scheduled to formally approve the change in venue.

Cuba, current chairman of the 94-member United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar discussed Cambodia, the Middle East and other international issues during five hours of talks here Friday with Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua, official sources said.

The two diplomats were also reported to have exchanged views on Afghanistan, Namibia, disarmament and ways of strengthening the United Nations. Perez de Cuellar arrived Thursday to begin a four-day visit to China, his first trip to Asia since his election as secretary-general in December.

The 61-year-old Peruvian diplomat was expected to meet Saturday the Chinese Communist Party Vice Chairman Deng Xiaoping and Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang, members of De Cuellar's entourage said. The secretary-general will travel from Peking to Shanghai in eastern China on Sunday.

Nairobi curfew eased

NAIROBI, Kenya Aug. 20 (AP) — A nightlong curfew imposed in Nairobi in the wake of an abortive coup on Aug. 1 is being relaxed by two hours as of Friday night, the Voice of Kenya reported. The government broadcast service said the curfew will now extend from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m., instead of 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.



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